

**Notice of a public meeting of
Decision Session - Cabinet Member for Transport**

To: Councillor Levene

Date: Thursday, 29 May 2014

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: The Snow Room - Ground Floor, West Offices (G035)

AGENDA

Notice to Members - Calling In:

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in any item* on this agenda, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group by **4:00 pm on Monday 2nd June 2014.**

*With the exception of matters that have been the subject of a previous call in, require Full Council approval or are urgent which are not subject to the call-in provisions. Any called in items will be considered by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee.

Written representations in respect of items on this agenda should be submitted to Democratic Services by 5.00pm on Tuesday 27th May 2014.

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, the Cabinet Member is asked to declare:

- any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests
- any prejudicial interests or
- any disclosable pecuniary interests

which they may have in respect of business on this agenda.

2. Minutes

(Pages 1 - 6)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2014.

3. Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider excluding the public and press from the meeting during consideration of Annexes 10,11,12& 13 to agenda item 5 on the grounds that they contain information relating to an individual. This information is classed as exempt under Paragraphs 1&2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) Order 2006.

4. Public Participation - Decision Session

At this point in the meeting, members of the public who have registered their wish to speak at the meeting can do so. The deadline for registering is **5:00pm on Wednesday 28th May 2014**.

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- An item on the agenda,
- an issue within the Cabinet Member's remit,

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5. Public Rights of Way - Proposal to restrict (Pages 7 - public rights over five alleyways in Micklegate 170) Ward, York using Gating Order Legislation.

Following requests for Gating Orders in the Micklegate Ward by Local Residents, North Yorkshire Police, Safer York Partnership and Councillors in order to help prevent crime and anti-social behaviour, following consultation, the Cabinet is being asked to consider sealing and making operative the draft Gating Orders for Millfield Road / Thorpe Street, Thorpe Street / Russell Street, Russell Street / Scott Street, Scott Street / Nunmill Street and making a draft Gating Order for the alleyway between Nunmill Street / Bishopthorpe Road.

6. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

Meeting	Decision Session - Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Sustainability
Date	10 April 2014
Present	Councillor Merrett (Cabinet Member)
In Attendance	Councillors Jeffries, Richardson and Runciman

44. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting the Cabinet Member was asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests which he may have in respect of the business on the agenda. None were declared.

45. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Decision Session held on 13 March 2014 be approved and signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

46. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been three registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme and that three Members had also registered to speak.

Dorothy Best, representing Easingwold Country Market, spoke in respect of agenda item 4 – Footstreets Report. She stated that she had a stall on the Parliament Street Farmers' Market. She queried whether the changes to footstreet hours had resulted in an increase in footfall. Ms Best drew the Cabinet Member's attention to the particular problems facing market traders because their customers tended to shop early in the day to purchase fresh products and hence trade at the end of the day was very limited. She requested that arrangements be put in place to enable the market traders to pack up and leave earlier.

Mr Mannion spoke in respect of agenda item 4 – Footstreets Report. He stated that he was representing market traders but that he also had a cafe on Blake Street. He expressed concern that traffic regulations were not being properly enforced in the city centre. He reiterated the comments made by the previous speaker in respect of the lack of business for market traders at the end of the day. He also pointed out that market traders had very early starts to the day, as they had to visit wholesalers. This meant that they were having to work very long hours. Mr Mannion suggested that consideration be given to the strategies that Swindon had carried out to encourage greater footfall and asked that consideration be given to changing car parking charges at certain times of the day.

Councillor Jeffries spoke in respect of agenda item 4 – Footstreets Report, and in particular the implications for blue badge and green permit holders. She stated that there appeared to have been a lack of consultation with those affected. Referring to suggestions that there may have been some abuse of the scheme, Councillor Jeffries stated that this may have been as a result of confusion arising from poor signage. She commented that there was confusion regarding the two categories and that the criterion for the green permits was not readily available. Councillor Jeffries stated that she had spoken to Health Watch who had commented that issues in respect of car parking and transport in York were regularly brought up at their meetings.

Councillor Richardson spoke in respect of agenda item 4 – Footstreets Report, he queried how the regulations were being enforced and how many fines had been issued. He stated that the signage in respect of Blake Street and regarding green permits and blue badges was not clear. Councillor Richardson also spoke in respect of agenda item 5 – Capital Programme. He expressed concern that the cycling scheme/road layout in Haxby Road would cost significantly more than had originally been anticipated. Councillor Richardson also commented on other issues within his ward which he stated required attention.

Councillor Runciman spoke in respect of agenda item 5 – Capital Programme. She stated that she opposed the proposed expenditure of £235k on the implementation of a blanket roll out of the 20mph scheme in North York and East York. Councillor Runciman stated that the funding would be better spent on targeted road safety improvements in high risk areas. There

were also areas within the proposed scheme where drivers would be hard pressed to travel at 20mph. Councillor Runciman stated that it was important that the results of earlier schemes were properly analysed to ascertain if they had made a difference. She suggested that the schemes did not have wide public support and stated that consultation should take place with residents. In Huntington and New Earswick the parish councils would consider the maps in detail. Councillor Runciman stated that she supported the proposed expenditure on the school safety schemes.

Greg Flockton, Transport Manager Northern Bulk Transport Limited, spoke in respect of agenda item 4 – Footstreets Report. He expressed concerns regarding delivery vehicle access to the York precinct. He stated that, as well as the problems caused by the footstreets hours, there were insufficient loading bays in the periphery. He gave details as to how the changes in footstreet hours had impacted on his business, including the fact that it was now necessary to use three vehicles rather than two in order to deliver to market traders and shops.

47. Objections to the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for the Increased Hours of Operation of the Footstreets Area

The Cabinet Member considered a report which detailed the objections made during the first 12 months of the experimental Traffic Regulation Order governing the operating hours of the footstreets in the city centre and which asked him to determine whether it was appropriate to make the experimental Traffic Regulation Order permanent.

The Cabinet Member responded to issues that had been raised under the Public Participation item and stated that, where appropriate, he would forward the concerns that had been raised to the relevant Cabinet Member or officer.

Consideration was given to the following options:

Option 1 – confirm the making of the experimental Traffic Regulation Order permanent

Option 2 – continue the experimental Traffic Regulation Order for up to the remainder of the 18 month period and decide at a later date whether to confirm or drop the experiment

Option 3 – end the experimental Traffic Regulation Order and revert to the previous restrictions

Option 4 – commit to consulting city centre retailers and businesses on the following and bring a report to a subsequent Decision Session meeting to consider the outcome:

- Extending the loading only option for motor vehicles in the footstreets 7 to 10:30am and 5 to 7pm
- Standardising the motor vehicles access only restriction overnight (7pm to 7am) across the whole of the footstreets area

Option 5 – delegate authority to redefine the exemption for market traders' early finish in line with the Authority's longer term aims for the market operation.

Option 6 – approve the installation of a pair of bollards at the end of Stonegate to enforce the existing Traffic Regulation Order.

The Cabinet Member stated that it was necessary to make compromises when considering issues in respect of the city centre. He acknowledged the concerns that had been raised by traders and service delivery businesses but stated that the widening of the footstreets hours would have benefits, including contributing to the strengthening of the evening economy. The Cabinet Member stated that the recommendations struck the right balance.

- Resolved:
- (i) That the experimental Traffic Regulation Order be made permanent.
 - (ii) That officers be delegated authority to redefine the exemption for market traders' early finish in line with the Authority's longer term aims for the market operation and its aims for the footstreets area.
 - (iii) That a further report be prepared considering the extension of the loading only period to 7 to 10.30am and 5 to 7pm and creating a standardised access only restriction overnight of 7pm to 7am.

- (iv) That the installation of removable bollards at the St Helen's Square end of Stonegate to physically enforce the loading only period be approved.

- Reasons:
- (i) Because the changes introduced during the experiment have achieved the desired affect with minimal reported problems.
 - (ii) To recognise the very different trading environment in the market compared with the more usual business activities that take place in buildings.
 - (iii) To further reduce general traffic in the central area and extend the loading only period, given the reduction caused by the extended footstreet hours; reduce confusion over varying hours and restrictions; acknowledge the spread of peak hour traffic and encourage the early evening city centre economy.
 - (iv) To achieve greater compliance with the Traffic Regulation Order.

48. City and Environmental Services Capital Programme - 2014/15 Budget Report

The Cabinet Member considered a report that set out the funding sources for the City and Environmental Services Transport Capital Programme, and the proposed schemes to be delivered in 2014/15. The report covered the Integrated Transport and City and Environmental Services maintenance allocations.

The proposed programme of schemes had been developed to implement the priorities of the Local Transport Plan and the Council Plan.

The Cabinet Member stated that the roll out of the 20mph programme would improve the quality of life for residents as well as improving safety. The programme was being carried out within national guidance and statutory consultation was involved in the process.

The Cabinet Member agreed that if additional external funding became available for the Rufforth-Knapton cycle route the “future scheme development” allocation would be increased accordingly.

Resolved: That the proposed 2014/15 City and Environmental Services Capital Programme, as set out in the report and at Annex 1, be approved.

Reason: To implement the Council’s transport strategy identified in York’s third Local Transport Plan and the Council Priorities, and deliver schemes identified in the Council’s Transport Programme.

Councillor Merrett, Cabinet Member

[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.00 pm].



Decision Session - Cabinet Member for Transport 29 May 2014

Report of the Director of City and Environmental Services

Public Rights of Way – Proposal to restrict public rights over five alleyways in Micklegate Ward, York using Gating Order legislation

Recommendations

1. The Cabinet Member is asked to consider:
 - a) Sealing and making operative the draft Gating Orders for Millfield Road / Thorpe Street, Thorpe Street / Russell Street, Russell Street / Scott Street, Scott Street / Nunmill Street; and
 - b) Making a draft Gating Order for the alleyway between Nunmill Street / Bishopthorpe Road.

Reasons:

2.
 - a) In respect of recommendation (a), although a number of residents have made formal objections to the draft Gating Orders, when all representations are taken into consideration (see Annexes), residents and bodies who support the scheme are in the majority.
 - b) In respect of recommendation (b) it is considered that the requirements of the legislation to make a draft Gating Order have been met.
 - c) With regards to both schemes, the council has a duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to implement crime reduction strategies in an effort to reduce overall crime in their administrative area. These proposed 'Alley-gating' schemes will support that obligation.

Summary

3. These Gating Orders have been requested by local residents, North Yorkshire Police, Safer York Partnership (SYP) and Councillors in order to help prevent crime and anti-social

behaviour (ASB) associated with the back lanes. All five alleyways run parallel to each other. Formal consultation has been completed with regard to the proposal to make Gating Orders on the first four alleyways. Two informal consultations have been undertaken on the fifth alleyway. The following decisions are requested:

- a) A decision as to whether or not to seal and make operative the draft Gating Orders under section 129A of the Highways Act 1980, to restrict access along the four alleyways:

Millfield Road / Thorpe Street,
Thorpe Street / Russell Street,
Russell Street / Scott Street,
Scott Street / Nunmill Street
and

- b) A decision as to whether or not to make a draft Gating Order regarding the alleyway between Nunmill Street and Bishopthorpe Road.

Background

4. Delegated Authority exists for officers in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport to seal Gating Orders, however due to the significant public interest in these Gating Orders the Cabinet Member has determined to take the decision in respect of these schemes:

Four alleyways (Millfield Road, Thorpe Street, Russell Street, Scott Street and Nunmill Street)

5. At the Officer in Consultation (OIC) meeting held on 4 December 2013, a decision was made to proceed to statutory consultation to make draft Gating Orders for the four alleyways between Millfield Road, Thorpe Street, Russell Street, Scott Street and Nunmill Street. To this end draft Gating Orders were advertised and statutory consultation took place from 17 January to 18 February 2014 (Annex 1a).
6. One letter of support was received and a number of objections were made (Annex 2). Many of these objections were made by way of a petition raised against all four Draft Gating Orders (Annex 3).
7. In order to consider the content of the petition and after receiving a request from residents to hold a public meeting, Councillors for the Micklegate Ward held a meeting for affected residents on 24 March (Annex 4 - Minutes). Residents from Nunmill Street / Bishopthorpe Road were also invited to attend.

8. The meeting prompted some residents to submit further comments expressing support or objection; some for the first time (Annex 5 and Annex 12).

Nunmill Street / Bishopthorpe Road

9. Informal consultations for the above proposed gating scheme have been carried out (Annex 7 and 13).
10. Overall, if all the alleys in question are gated, then waste will be collected from the front of properties. The policy of Waste Services is not to enter gated alleyways so that the security of gates is maintained at the highest level possible, as the more people who have access to the codes, the less secure the gates.
11. Statistics provided by SYP (Annex 6) show relatively high levels of crime and ASB for these streets and as a group of five alleyways, they rank the highest on the SYP alley-gating priority list.
12. Notwithstanding the above, the alley between Nunmill Street / Bishopthorpe Road, has not been subject to any recorded incidents of crime or ASB between August 2012 / 2013. However it has previously suffered from a relatively high number of burglaries in particular (Annex 6) and a petition requesting alley gates was raised by residents early in 2012. It was not possible to take the scheme forward at the time as funding was not available.
13. Despite the above, at the OIC meeting held on 26 September 2013, SYP advised against taking these schemes forward due to the divisive nature of the consultation responses.
14. The Council, as highway authority has powers available to it, under section 129A of the Highways Act 1980, to make a Gating Order. Once an Order is made it can be reviewed and either varied or revoked (s129F(2) or (3)). Annex 8 summarises the requirements of this legislation along with details of Home Office Guidance on the use and life of a Gating Order.
15. All political party spokespersons and affected Ward Members have been consulted. No comments were received at this stage of consultation.

Four alleyways (Millfield Road, Thorpe Street, Russell Street, Scott Street and Nunmill Street Consultation

16. Four alleyways (Millfield Road, Thorpe Street, Russell Street, Scott Street and Nunmill Street - Statutory consultation (total number of properties = 343)

A total of 35 objections were received: 32 of which were made via the petition (Annex 3) submitted during the statutory consultation period, which objected to all four schemes being implemented. Notwithstanding the objections received to all 4 schemes via the petition, additional street specific objections were received from properties located on all affected streets (Annex 2 – Statutory Consultation responses and Annex 11 – Map - Formal Objectors / Supporter).

17. The main issues from the petition and street specific objections are summarised below:

- i. Objection to the proposed change in refuse collection from rear of property to the front
- ii. If refuse is collected from the front of properties, the streets are likely to become more untidy and unsightly
- iii. Installing gates will make the area feel like a “gated community”
- iv. The alleyways provide a safer route around the area than using the busy Scarcroft Road
- v. Installing gates will restrict freedom of movement of residents
- vi. There is not enough crime/ASB to warrant gating
- vii. Alley gates would instil a fear of crime
- viii. The problem of ASB should be tackled at source. Installing gates does not stop the behaviour as it will simply move elsewhere
- ix. Alley gates will reduce the feeling of community in the streets concerned
- x. Alley gates will create unwanted noise and disturbance for those living next to them
- xi. The alleyways are integral to the community and part of its historic character
- xii. The alleyways were built as service roads and they should continue to be used for that purpose

- xiii. Gating will achieve nothing as some of the issues (graffiti, litter etc.) are caused by residents
18. Some residents, who added their name to the petition, also submitted separate objections. One letter of support was received during the statutory consultation.
19. Additional points were raised by residents at, and also after, the public meeting (Annex 4 and 5).
20. The council is obliged to consider any representations made. Regulation 5 of the Gating Order Regulations states:
“5. A council shall consider any representations as to whether or not the proposed gating order should be made whether in response to a notice under regulation 3 or otherwise.”

The results of the informal consultation should therefore be taken into consideration. Annexes 9 and 10 detail the responses received. The following table gives a summary of the results:

	Gating proposal	
	Yes	No
Millfield Road / Thorpe Street 41 replies received (89 properties)	35	6
Thorpe Street / Russell Street 49 replies received (86 properties)	35	14
Russell Street / Scott Street 43 replies received* (89 properties)	33	10
Scott Street / Nunmill Street 42 replies received* (79 properties)	34	8

***See Annex 9 – some residents submitted comments but did not indicate Yes or No to the gating proposal.**

Options

21. Option 1: Seal all four draft Gating Orders.
- Option 2: Do not seal any of the four draft Gating Orders.
- Option 3: Seal one or more of the draft Gating Orders
- Option 4: Consult on a north/south gating scheme on the three alleyways between Thorpe, Russell, Scott and Nunmill Street

Option 5: Defer the scheme for 6 months to try other ASB/crime reduction strategies

Analysis

22. Option 1

If all four draft Gating Orders are sealed, all four alleys will be gated. Only those residents living in properties which are adjacent to or adjoining the restricted routes will be given a Personal Identification Number (PIN) with which to access the gates, along with emergency services and utilities that may need to access their apparatus.

Refuse collection would be required to change from the rear, to front of property. Recycling will continue to be collected from the front of all properties. Waste services offer additional assistance to customers who are not physically able to present it at the pavement. Residents will be signposted to these services.

The Orders may then be reviewed after 1 year by conducting a full consultation with residents. If opposition is still strong one, some, or all Gating Orders may be varied or revoked.

23. Option 2

This option would leave the alleyways open for use by the public and the incidents of crime and ASB are therefore likely to continue at their current level. Notwithstanding this, gating these alleyways may be revisited in the future.

24. Option 3

For those draft Gating Orders that are sealed, gates will be installed and public access restricted. Again, as with Option 1 above, only those residents living in properties which are adjacent to or adjoining the restricted routes will be given a PIN with which to access the gates, along with emergency services and utilities that may need to access their apparatus. Refuse collection would be required to change from the rear to front of property. Recycling will continue to be collected from the front of all properties. Assisted collection of waste would be an option available to residents who would struggle with presenting their waste at front of property.

Again there is also the option of reviewing any restrictions made after 1 year and, depending on community response, the Gating Orders may be varied or revoked.

Those draft Gating Orders that are not sealed would leave the alleyways open for use by the public and the incidents of crime and ASB are therefore likely to continue at their current level. There is also the perception that any ASB or crime that is associated with those alleyways to be gated, would be displaced to those that are not.

Safer York Partnership has advised; *“informal studies undertaken by the Safer York Partnership after previous gating schemes suggest that there has been no displacement of crime, in terms of reported crimes to North Yorkshire Police. It is accepted, however, that some national academic reports that have looked at gating schemes in other large cities suggest that gating (and many other crime reduction tactics) can cause a displacement of crime depending on the type of individual who is committing the crime”*.

25. Option 4

This option has not been consulted on and is a suggestion raised by residents, which could see the restriction of the main north/south sections of the alleyways in question, but retain an east/west through-route between the affected streets. This may or may not receive stronger support from residents. However, this proposal would leave those properties adjacent to the alleyway entrances unprotected. Looking at the results from both the informal and the formal consultation (Annex 10 & Annex 11), of the 12 properties which are included in the present scheme (at the entrances to the alleyways between Thorpe Street, Russell Street, Scott Street and Nunmill Street) who would be directly affected by the proposal to gate only the north/south sections of alleyway, 7 have expressed support for the scheme whilst 3 are against it. The majority of these properties may therefore feel unfairly excluded from the scheme should this option be pursued.

26. Option 5

Other options may be explored but current funding may be lost.

Nunmill Street / Bishopthorpe Road Consultation

Nunmill Street / Bishopthorpe Road - Informal consultations
(total number of properties = 68)

27. Two informal consultations were carried out. Overall, 23 residents were in support of the scheme and 10 residents objected (Annex 7 and 13).

28. Reasons for not wanting gates are similar to those given by residents objecting to the original four Draft Gating Orders (see points 17. i to xiii).

Options

29. Option 1: Authorise a draft Gating Order to be advertised and statutory consultation to begin.
30. Option 2: Do not authorise the draft Gating Order to be advertised.

Analysis

31. Option 1

This option would allow a Draft Gating Order to be advertised and statutory consultation to be carried out.

If formal objections are received, a further report will be prepared for decision at OIC to consider the objections and whether the Gating Order should be sealed. If no objections are received, the Gating Order can be sealed and the procurement process for the gates can begin.

Should the alleyways be closed, the alternative route as shown on the plan in Annex 1b is considered to be convenient.

Only those residents living in properties which are adjacent to or adjoining the restricted route will be given the PIN with which to access the gates, along with emergency services and utilities that may need to access their apparatus.

32. Option 2

This option would leave the alleyways open for use by the public and the incidents of crime and ASB are therefore likely to continue at their current level. There is the perception that should the gating of the other four alleyways go ahead, this would displace the crime and ASB that is currently associated with those alleyways to the Nunmill/ Bishopthorpe Road alleyway.

Safer York Partnership have advised *“large schemes within the city, Clifton, Groves or Leeman Road have not shown a displacement of crime but it is accepted that these studies have only looked at crime and not the fear of crime, and that residents without a gate may “fear” being a victim of crime more than a resident who has a gate.*

It is felt that the benefits of gates will be greater if the whole of the community has, and accepts the introduction of gates. As

crime and ASB in this area is in the majority “opportunistic”, it may have the ability to displace but this could or could not be proven until gates are introduced. Safer York feels the introduction of gates is the best long-term method of crime reduction within this area”.

Council Plan 2011 - 2015

33. The gating of the alleyways would support the Council Plan priority to ‘*Build Stronger Communities*’.

“Safer inclusive communities –

To tackle crime and increase community safety, we will raise the community profile of the Safer York Partnership and establish an annual crime summit. We will also work with the Safer York Partnership to engage residents in tackling antisocial behaviour in our neighbourhoods”.

Implications

34. The following implications have been considered:

- (a) **Financial** - Capital funding has been secured for the scheme through the Council and SYP.

Procurement and installation of gates on the four alleyways:

To supply and fit a double (vehicle) gate with lock is approximately £1,175. The estimated cost of this scheme (alleyways between Millfield Road, Thorpe Street, Russell Street, Scott Street and Nunmill Street, should all the alleys be gated (11 x double gates), is in the region of £12,925.

Statutory consultation (for Nunmill Street / Bishopthorpe Road alleyway:

The Advertisement of a draft Gating Order is approximately £1,000. After statutory consultation has been carried out, and if authorisation to seal the draft Gating Orders is given, the process of procurement and installation of the gates begins. The cost of each gate will be as above. Total cost for this scheme will be in the region of £3350.

The authority is responsible for the maintenance of gates installed using Gating Orders.

(b) **Human Resources (HR)** – To be delivered using existing staffing resources.

(c) **Equalities** – One positive and six negative impacts have been identified involving mobility and access issues. One of the negative issues is seen as critical (design of locks / handles etc). This is mitigated by design / installation and alternative access options. Alleygates are reviewed regularly and/or on demand which accommodates any change in circumstances.

The positive impact of additional security to residents, increasing peace of mind and providing a safe area to the rear of their properties justifies the negative impacts. See Annex 14 - Community Impact Assessment.

(d) **Legal** – Section 129A of the Highways Act 1980 enables the Council to make a Gating Order restricting access to an alleyway which is a public highway where the Council is satisfied that adjoining or adjacent premises are affected by both anti social behaviour and/or crime and that the existence of the highway is facilitating the persistent commission of criminal offences or anti social behaviour. Before making such an Order the Council must also consider the likely effect of the Order on adjoining and adjacent owners and other persons in the locality. Where the highway constitutes a through route the Council must consider the availability of a reasonably convenient alternative route.

Gating Order legislation will be replaced this autumn by Public Spaces Protection Orders when the regulations for the Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (2014 Act) are published. Any Draft Gating Orders that have not been sealed before this time will have to go through the consultation process again as the legislative requirements of the 2014 Act are different.

(e) **Crime and Disorder** – This report is based on tackling crime and disorder issues as set out in the main body of the report and Annexes.

(f) **Information Technology (IT)** – None.

(g) **Property** – There are no property implications.

- (h) **Communities and Neighbourhoods (Waste Services)** – Other than that discussed in the main body of the report, there are no other Communities and Neighbourhoods implications.

Risk Management

35. The implementation of a Gating Order is a power of the authority, not a duty. There are no rights of appeal should a decision not to progress with a Gating Order be made. However, Crime and ASB levels local to the area are likely to continue should a Gating Order not be pursued.

A person may apply to the High Court for the purpose of questioning the validity of a Gating Order if they believe that the council had no power to make it, or any requirement under this Part was not complied with in relation to it.

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Report **Date** 20/5/14
Approved

Specialist Implications Officer(s)

Wards Affected: Micklegate Ward

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers

- Highways Act 1980 (as amended), section 129
- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
- Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 & the Home Office Guidance relating to the making of Gating Orders 2006
- Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (England) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006 No 537)

- City of York Council Gating Order Policy Document
- A step-by-step guide to gating problem alleys: Section 2 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (Home Office – October 2008)
- Equalities 2010

- Officer Decision – 26 September 2013: Public Rights of Way – Proposal to restrict public rights over five alleyways in Micklegate Ward, York using Gating Order legislation

- Officer Decision – 4 December 2013: Public Rights of Way – Proposal to restrict public rights over five alleyways in Micklegate Ward, York using Gating Order legislation – Update to previous OIC Report (26th September 2013)

- Officer Decision – 13 February 2014: Public Rights of Way – Proposal to restrict public rights over the alleyway between Nunmill Street and Bishopthorpe Road, Micklegate Ward, York using Gating Order legislation – Update to previous OIC Report (4th December 2013)

Annexes

Annex 1a: Draft Gating Orders and Plans

Annex 1b: Nunmill Street / Bishopthorpe Road Plan

Annex 2: Statutory Consultation responses

Annex 3: Petition

Annex 4: Minutes from Public Meeting

Annex 5: Public Meeting - Comments

Annex 6: Crime Statistics – Micklegate Alleys

Annex 7: 1st & 2nd Informal Consultation for Nunmill Street / Bishopthorpe Road: Residents comments

Annex 8: Summary of Legislative Requirements and Home Office Guidance for Gating Orders

Annex 9: Informal Consultation Responses (Millfield Road to Nunmill Street)

Annex 14: Community Impact Assessment

Exempt Information

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HIGHWAYS ACT, 1980 SECTION 129A DRAFT GATING ORDER FOR A CERTAIN HIGHWAY FOR THE PURPOSES OF PREVENTING CRIME AND/OR ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YORK MILLFIELD ROAD / THORPE STREET GATING ORDER 2014

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- (a) the requirements of Section 129A(3) in respect of the said highway are satisfied; and
- (b) that it is expedient for the purposes of preventing or reducing crime and/or anti-social behaviour that public use of the said highway be restricted as this Order provides.

BY THIS ORDER

1. The public use of the highway indicated in paragraph I of the Schedule below is restricted;
2. Such restriction shall apply at all times;
3. Such restriction shall not apply to the occupiers of premises adjoining or adjacent to the highway so indicated;
4. The alternative to the restricted highway is as indicated in paragraph II of the Schedule below;
5. There is authorised the installation of a gate at each end of the highway identified in paragraph I of the Schedule whose maintenance is the responsibility of the Assistant Director (Transport, Highways and Waste), West Offices, Station Rise, York, YO1 6GA.

THE SCHEDULE

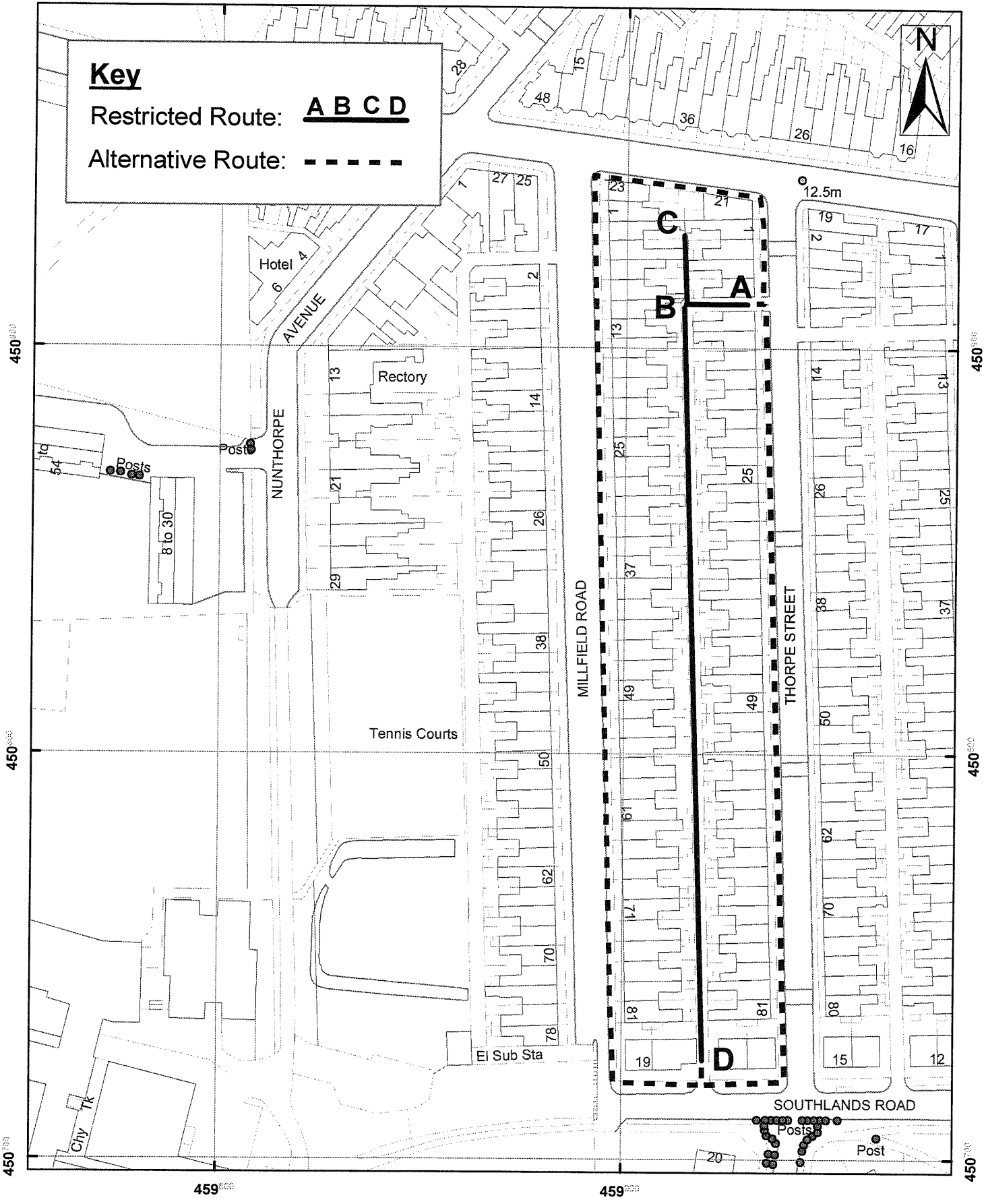
- I. The route to be restricted (A-B-C-D) commences at Point A on the Order map (Grid Reference SE5992 5091) at the side of No 9 Thorpe Street, continuing in a westerly direction for 15 metres to point B (Grid Reference SE5991 5091) and then the route (C-B-D) commences at point C (Grid Reference SE5991 5092) at the rear of No 3 Millfield Road, continuing in a southerly direction for 204 metres to point D (Grid Reference SE5992 5072) at the side of No 18 Southlands Road, as shown by a bold continuous line on the Order map.
- II. The alternative routes are along Thorpe Street, Scarcroft Road, Millfield Road and Southlands Road, as shown by a bold broken line on the map.

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**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YORK
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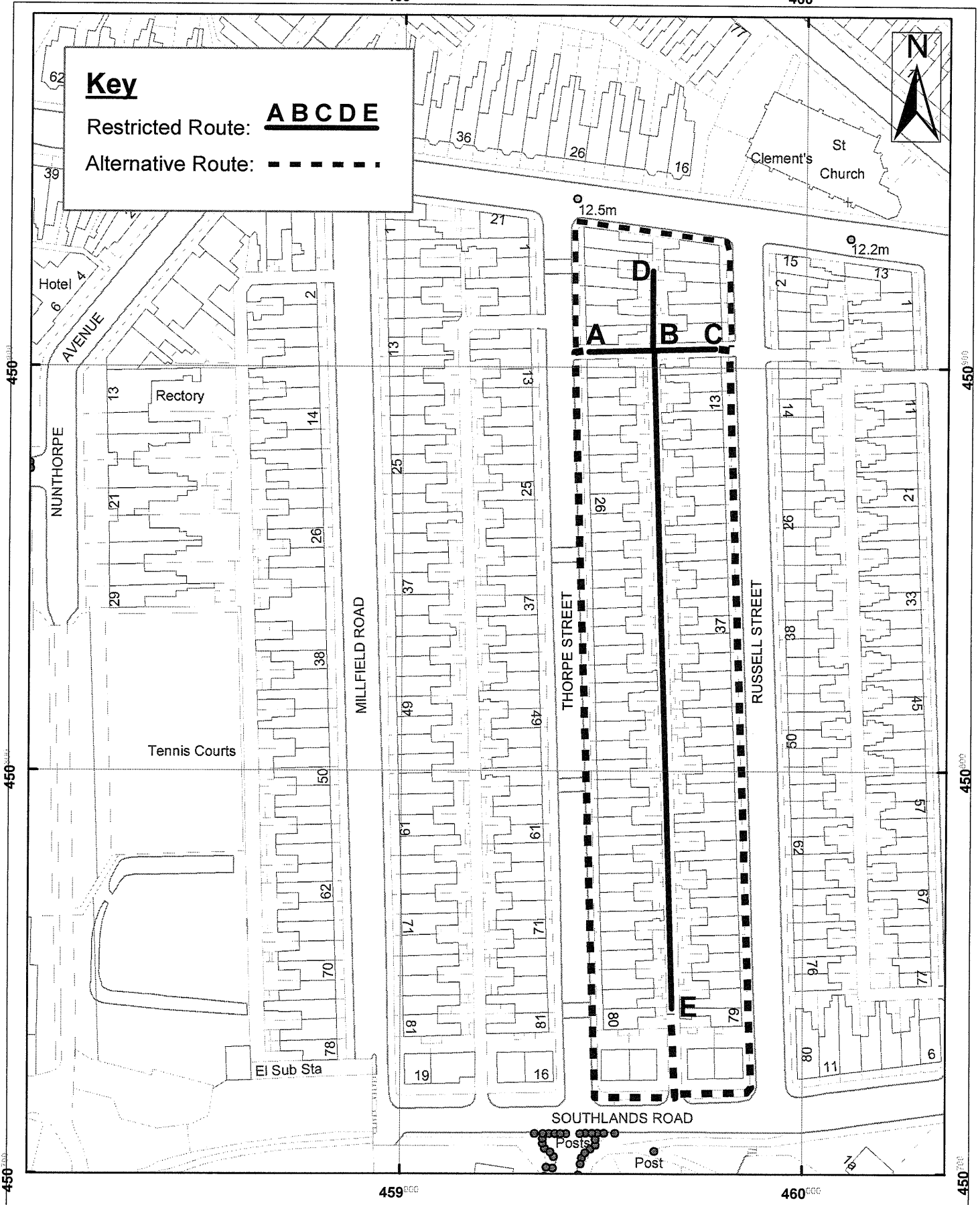
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3. Such restriction shall not apply to the occupiers of premises adjoining or adjacent to the highway so indicated;
4. The alternative to the restricted highway is as indicated in paragraph II of the Schedule below;
5. There is authorised the installation of a gate at each end of the highway identified in paragraph I of the Schedule whose maintenance is the responsibility of the Assistant Director (Transport, Highways and Waste), West Offices, Station Rise, York, YO1 6GA.

THE SCHEDULE

- I. The route to be restricted (A-B-C-D-E) commences at Point A on the Order map (Grid Reference SE5994 5090) at the side of No 12 Thorpe Street, continuing in an easterly direction (A-B-C) for 31 metres to Point C (Grid Reference SE5997 5090) at the side of No 9 Russell Street, then the route (D-B-E) commences at Point D (Grid Reference SE5996 5092) to the rear of No 1 Russell Street, continuing in a southerly direction for 183 metres to Point E (Grid Reference SE5996 5074) to the rear of No 80 Thorpe Street, as shown by a bold continuous line on the Order map.
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**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YORK
RUSSELL STREET / SCOTT STREET GATING ORDER 2014**

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THE SCHEDULE

- I. The route to be restricted (A-B-C-D-E) commences at Point A on the Order map (Grid Reference SE5999 5090) at the side of No 10 Russell Street, continuing in an easterly direction for 15 metres and then in a southerly direction for 5 metres to Point B (Grid Reference SE6000 5089) to the rear of No 10 Russell Street, continuing in an easterly direction for 15 metres to Point C (Grid Reference SE6002 5089) at the side of No 9 Scott Street. Then the route (D-B-E) commences at Point D (Grid Reference SE6000 5091) to the rear of No 4 Russell Street, continuing in a southerly direction for 172 metres, then in an easterly direction for 15 metres to Point E (Grid Reference SE6003 5074) at the side of No 77 Scott Street, as shown by a bold continuous line on the Order map.
- II. The alternative route is along Russell Street, Scarcroft Road, Scott Street and Southlands Road, as shown by a bold broken line on the map.

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Restricted Route: **ABCDE**

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**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YORK
SCOTT STREET / NUNMILL STREET GATING ORDER 2014**

This Order is made by the Council of the City of York, under the Highways Act 1980, Section 129A ("the Act") as highway authority for the highway indicated below because it appears that:-

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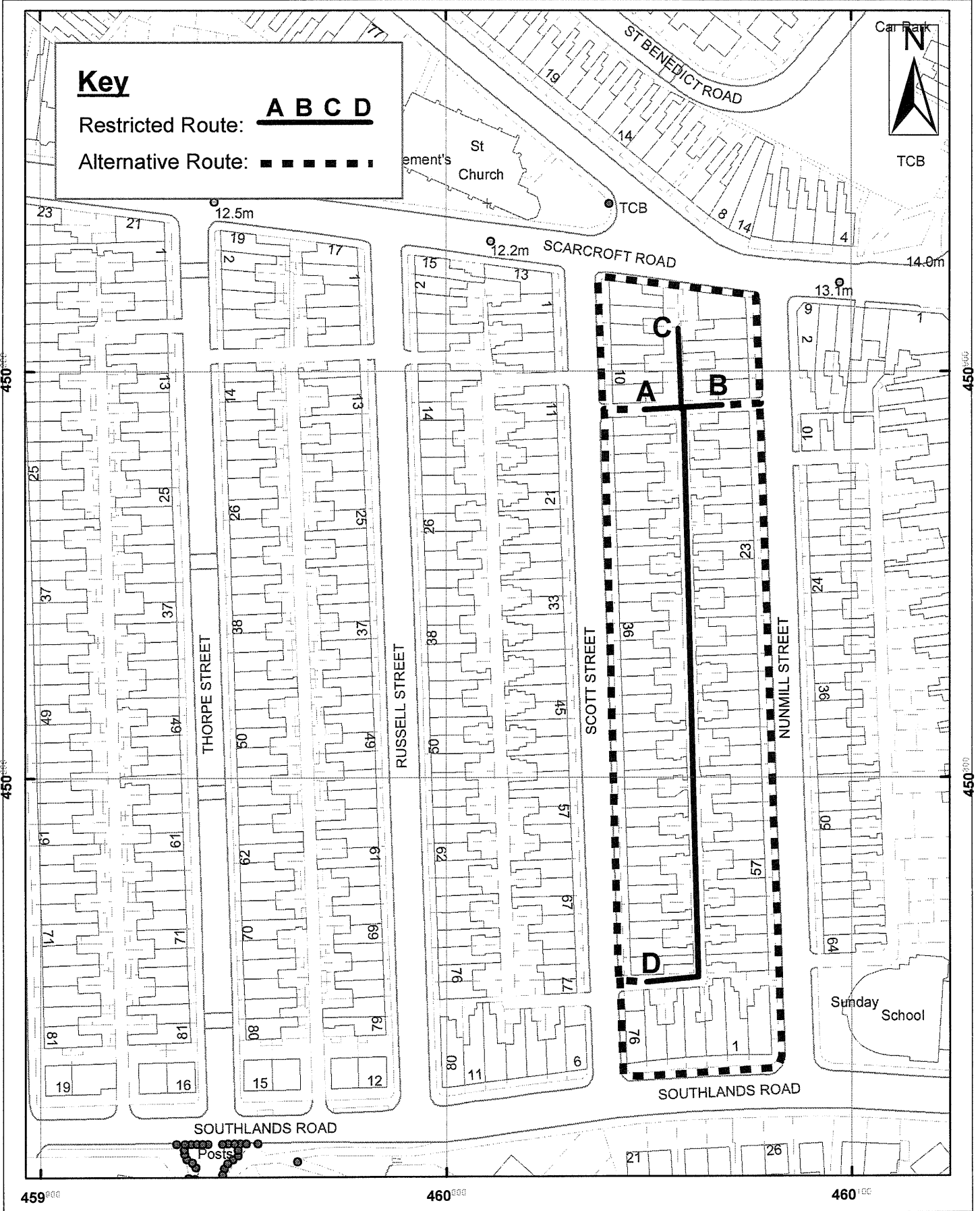
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THE SCHEDULE

- I. The route to be restricted (A-B-C-D) commences at Point A on the Order map (Grid Reference SE6004 5089) at the side of No 14 Scott Street, continuing in an easterly direction for 20 metres to Point B (Grid Reference SE6006 5089) at the side of No 9 Nunmill Street, then the route (C-D) commences at Point C (Grid Reference SE6005 5091) to the rear of No 1 Nunmill Street, continuing in a southerly direction for 160 metres and then in a westerly direction for 12 metres to Point D (Grid Reference SE6004 5074) at the side of No 72 Scott Street, as shown by a bold continuous line on the Order map.
- II. The alternative route is along Scott Street, Scarcroft Road, Nunmill Street and Southlands Road, as shown by a bold broken line on the map.

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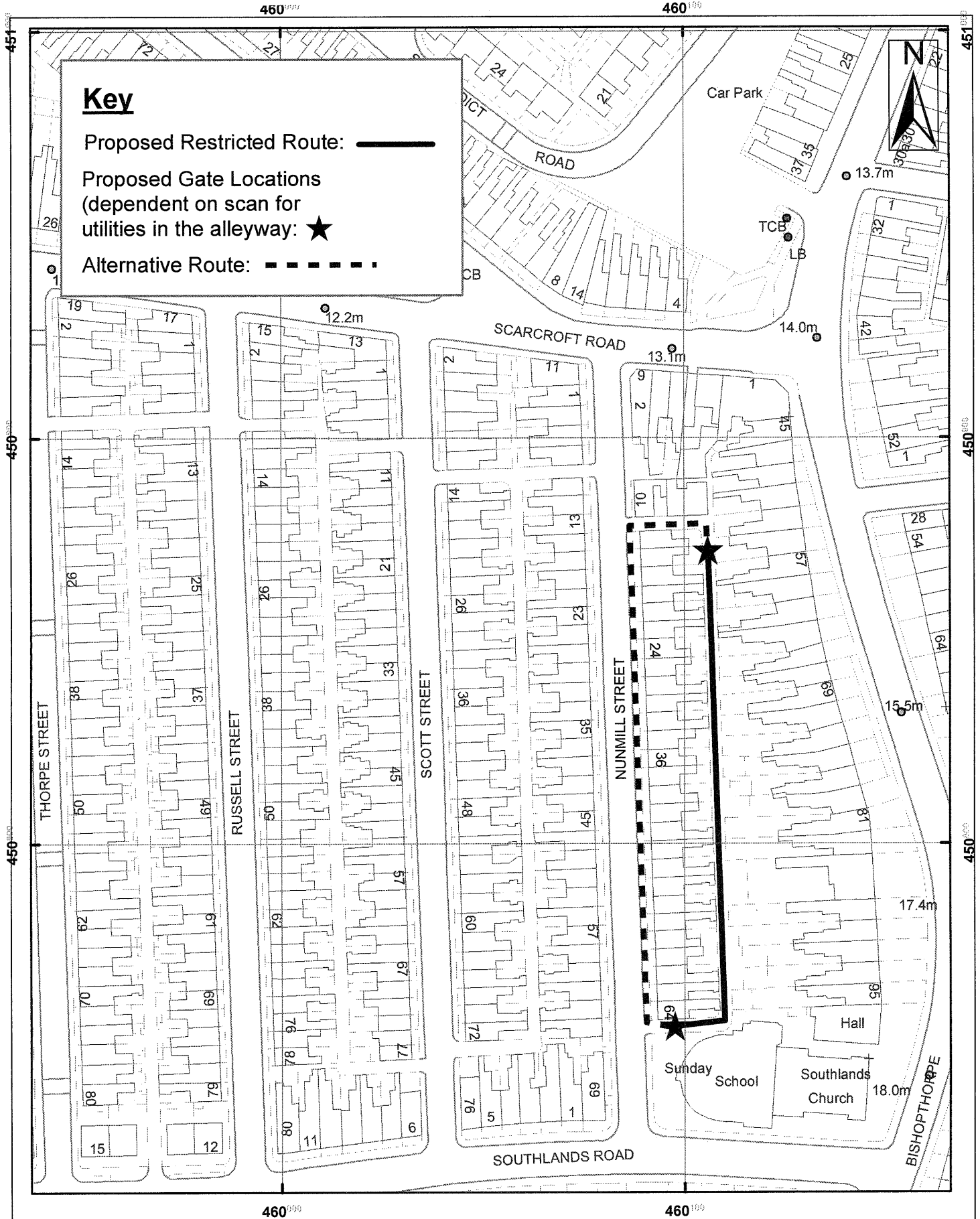


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Nunmill Street / Bishopthorpe Road

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Annex 2: Statutory Objections

Tones, Emily

From: Dawn Clarkson [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 January 2014 12:37
To: alleygating@york.gov.uk
Subject: Ref: ET/PROW/Alleygating/RSt-SSt

Emily

I understand you are the correct person with regard to this matter. I am writing with respect to the letter we have received in respect of the proposed alley gating on Russell Street / Scott Street.

I would like to formally object to the proposed gating.

The proposal will spoil the character of the neighbourhood – isn't it preferable to have an open and friendly community, rather than an area where in order to make people safe we have to "lock down" streets? In order to reduce crime should the Council not be looking at better ways to prevent crime at the source, rather than locking away certain streets. Ultimately this leads to gated communities – is this really the way we want to live? And I cannot see that it reduces crime – it does not prevent crime, just moves it elsewhere.

The alleyways are also sometimes less icy than the pavements. The Council does not grit the pavements of either Russell Street or Scott Street and sometimes it is safer to walk through the alleyways. On the basis that we would only have the passcode for the alley behind our own house, we would not be able to do this through the "estate".

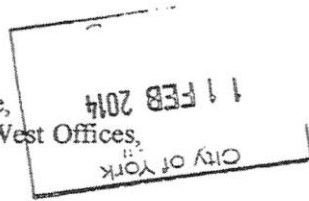
I would urge the Council to consider if this is really what they want the city to become.

Regards,
Dawn Clarkson

Reply dated 20th - sent 21st .

Millfield Rd / Thorpe St

Rights of Way Officer,
Sustainable Transport Service,
Council of the City of York West Offices,
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7 Thorpe Street,
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10 February 2014

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PROPOSED GATES AT THORPE STREET, YORK

I object to the erection of gates adjacent to my property at 7 Thorpe Street, York because:

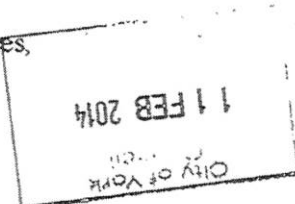
1. I DO NOT BELIEVE THEY ACT AS A DETERRENT to undesirables, including burglars. Prior to moving to this area of York, I lived in a property with such gates on Ratcliffe Street, York and was burgled via those gates. The burglar knew the security code. All manner of people (eg anyone carrying out work and their employees) need to know the code and it is passed round in an instant.
2. I moved to this side of York to get away from those dreadful gates. MY WIFE WAS TRAUMATISED AFTER BEING BURGLER VIA A "SECURITY" GATE and we decided to move to an area without them.
3. Gates can lead to a FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY. If people believe they will keep out burglars, they may relax their own security precautions or they may ignore what sounds like a burglary nearby.
4. The erection of those gates MAKES AN AREA LOOK AS THOUGH IT HAS SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND IS A GHETTO. They are ugly, detract from a neighbourhood and should not be visible from the road.
5. I do not wish gates there at all and I CERTAINLY DO NOT WISH THEM ADJACENT TO MY PROPERTY, which appears to be the proposal.
6. In my experience, as well as not deterring burglars, gates INHIBIT THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF THE LAW-ABIDING. The added obstacle of negotiating those gates DETERRED ME FROM USING MY BICYCLE. Plus the code had to be remembered and it was often changed.
7. The gates will INEVITABLY BE A NOISE NUISANCE and especially so if positioned next to the wall of my house.
8. Surely, when councils are short of money, THERE MUST BE OTHER PROJECTS WHERE THE MONEY CAN BE BETTER SPENT.

Robert Allen

Reply dated 20th - sent 21st. Multipla may involve ...

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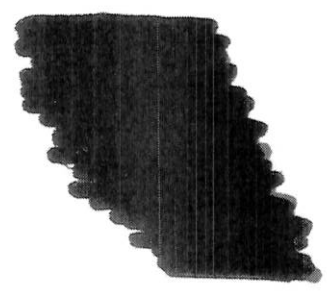
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7. The gates will INEVITABLY BE NOISY and intrude on my life if they are situated next to my outside wall as planned. I SUFFER FROM EPILEPSY any sudden loud noise at night might wake me suddenly and trigger a seizure.

8. Surely, when councils are short of money, THERE MUST BE OTHER PROJECTS WHERE THE MONEY CAN BE BETTER SPENT.

Finally, I was sent a form to fill in by York Council some months ago. I duly filled in the form and understood I would get a reply I never did. Why was this?

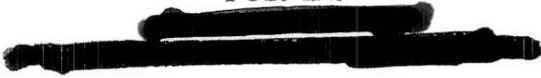
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Reply sent ~~21~~ 21st Feb:

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City and Environmental Services
West Offices
Station Rise
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YO1 6GA

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12 February 2014

Ref: ET/PROW/Alleygating/MRd-TSt

Dear Sirs

Re: Millfield Road/Thorpe Street Gating Order 2014 & Thorpe Street/Russell Street Gating Order 2014


We would like to formally register our objections to the above proposed Gating Order.

The reasons for our objection are:-

1. we do not believe that gating the alleyways will have any significant effect on the very low crime and anti-social behaviour levels in our area, levels that are so low that we believe any such action is unwarranted;
2. by having seven foot walls bordering each property, we believe that the addition of gates will have no additional effect on properties' security - if anything the reduced footfall will provide a secluded environment promoting criminal activity;
3. there has been no need for gating in the past 120 years of the properties' existence and there is no such need now;
4. the effect on facilities for refuse removal as a result of gating the alleyways will cause such inconvenience and annoyance to many residents that they may not put their refuse out for collection as often as necessary which may cause environmental and health problems in the area;




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YORK
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5. it is likely that some residents will store their rubbish at the front of their houses instead of their backyards to prevent them from having to struggle to carry wet rubbish bags through their houses and damaging their carpets - this will make the streets both unsightly and unsanitary;
6. the fact that the Council will only clean the alleyways on request is likely to exacerbate the environmental and health problems caused by the changes to refuse collection;
7. pin code access locks are notoriously unreliable and often jam so access to the alleyway may not always be available to residents/emergency services etc when required;
8. because there is a high turnover of residents in these streets in particular in York, the pin code to the gates is likely to be known by a significant number of non-residents within a relatively short period of time, thus reducing any security the gates did provide;
9. the use of the alleyways to gain access to other streets is a useful shortcut and keeps toddlers and young children safe from traffic hazards;
10. at a time when Council finances are severely stretched and increasingly cut, the cost of gating the alleyways seems unnecessary, unwarranted, a nuisance to many residents, a waste of the Council's very limited resources and the money would be better spent on social care or education.

We sincerely hope that our objections will be given due consideration. If you would like to consult us further, please do not hesitate to contact us on the above telephone number/email address.

Yours faithfully



Phil & Rachel Robinson

P125349 Elizabeth Morris - UB, ~~gating~~

Russell St / Scott St.

City of York
Council

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Reply dated 19th - see + 20th

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Highways Act 1980 S.129A

Russell Street / Scott Street Gating Order 2014

Notice of Intention to make a gating order.

I object to the proposed order for the following reasons: -

- ① The alleyways need regular council cleaning, which will not take place once gates are in place ("~~the~~ on a reactionary basis" is vague and confusing). Cleaning is required to deal with: -

- 1) dog mess
- 2) ~~litter~~ rubbish put out by residents in the form of escaping litter from bin bags put outside in the alleys

Both of the above problems are caused by the residents themselves, NOT outsiders - whom this order seeks to exclude.

You'll be aware that the council recently had to write to the residents to remind them not to dump bin bags in the alley.

The dog mess is also caused by local residents, not outsiders.

In conclusion, alleygating will not reduce anti-social littering and dog mess - and we will be left to clear it up.

- ② Alleygates instil an atmosphere of fear and mistrust in ~~an~~ of other people, which is unnecessary. I do not want to

exist in a semi-gated community
when I have, in reality, nothing to fear.

3. You claim alleygating will reduce burglaries.
You'll be aware that the most recent
case of burglary - 21 Russell Street, on
2nd February 2014 - was from the front window
not the back. Alleygater would obviously
not have avoided this.

4. Alleygating will have no impact on
the number of cases of auto-crime, as
people park on the streets, not in the alleys!

Elizabeth Morris
20 Russell Street
York
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SCOTT ST / NUNMILL ST

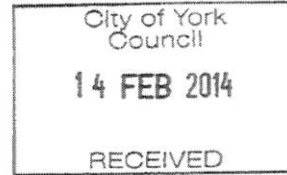
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GM Coates
17 Scott Street
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Comments

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- 1 The carriageways marked on the maps supplied are not pedestrian alleyways but are carriageways available as rights of way for the use of vehicular traffic and as such are used on a regular and frequent basis. This should be taken into account and those rights of way should be preserved.
- 2 The concept of requiring a driver to stop and open then close a gate to use these carriageways is unacceptable and represents an unnecessary hindrance to the right of way.

This is particularly intolerable for the carriageway joining Scott Street and Nunmill Street which I use on a frequent and regular basis.

I realise that an alternative route is available via Scarcroft Road but often need the use of the carriageway joining Scott Street and Nunmill Street when vehicles are waiting at the end of Scott Street to use Scarcroft Road.

- 3 The implementation of the scheme takes the basic assumption that if you are not a resident of the street in question then you have no business using the carriageway between houses those streets.

This is a false assumption and a fundamental flaw in this particular scheme.

In particular the carriageways joining streets are not private access areas solely used by the inhabitants of those streets, they are busy rights of way used by the community as a whole.

As mentioned in Comment 1 above, I regularly and frequently use the carriageway joining Scott Street and Nunmill Street as a pedestrian, cyclist and driver.

As a resident on the opposite side of the road from this carriageway (i.e. number 17) I assume that would not be given access to this route which I currently use.

Even if I were given the PIN, I currently have the free and unhindered access to this right of way without the need to open a gate, I wish this to remain. A gate would be wholly inappropriate at this location and on this carriageway at any location.

- 4 I require pedestrian access to visit a friend who lives on Bishopthorpe Road and make use of the carriageway joining Scott Street and Nunmill Street and then the carriageway between Bishopthorpe Road and Nunmill Street.

I realise that an alternative route is available via Scarcroft Road and Bishopthorpe Road but this would more than double the distance of this journey which I make on a regularly and very frequent basis. I currently have unhindered access for the existing right of way and wish this to remain.

- 5 I require free and unhindered vehicular access to the rear of a friend's guest house at 61 Bishopthorpe Road to help with deliveries.

The carriageway between Bishopthorpe Road and Nunmill Street is very narrow indeed. The positioning of any gate on this carriageway would necessarily narrow the carriageway.

No narrowing of the carriageway would be acceptable as there is currently only just enough room for a vehicle to negotiate the corners at the ends of the carriageways and the gates are positioned at these corners as illustrated in the supplied map.

This would prevent absolutely free access to this right of way by motor vehicles.

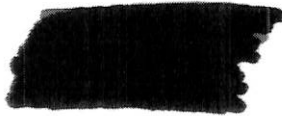
The alternative would involve leaving a vehicle on double yellow lines on the very busy approach to the traffic signals on the corner of Bishopthorpe Road and Scarcroft Road whilst deliveries are carried into the house and through the house to the rear. This would cause an obstruction to Bishopthorpe Road and introduce a systematic hindrance to the operation of this business.

In summary, free and unhindered access for the use of these rights of way is fundamental to the nature of these streets where I have chosen to make my home.

I fully understand that benefits may exist which have been claimed for these changes but feel it necessary to point out that these have not been presented to the citizens whom this will affect the most.

There has not been the opportunity for a free and honest debate about the full balanced proposal; instead I feel that I must justify the preservation of the status against what appears to be a fait accompli.

To change the nature of our community in such a way is unacceptable, I therefore reject all changes requested to the fullest extent possible.



Reply sent 21/02/14

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12 Scott Street
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16 February 2014

Rights of Way Officer
Sustainable Transport Service
Council of the City of York
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Alley gating of Scott Street - Nunmill Street

We live at 12, Scott Street which is a property adjacent to a current right of way to from Scott Street to Nunmill Street (a snicket). We emailed your team as soon as the proposed gating order was publicized, raising our objections to the scheme.

This letter is a formal objection to the scheme and an outline of our reasons is given below.

- 1) We have owned and lived in this property for 11 years and have never been the victims of crime or seen evidence of people using the snicketway as 'escape routes' from crime. Similarly there is no anti-social behavior evident in the snicket.
- 2) The council has not presented proper evidence of crime reduction. The evidence presented had vague statistics and was not for comparable communities.
- 3) We have no objection to members of the public using these rights of way- they are safe places for local people to use for access and for getting to shops - we see daily evidence of mums/children/old people using this route.
- 4) We do not want to live in a 'gated community'- we object to the message of exclusivity these gates give out-we feel they may in fact encourage people to 'climb in'.
- 5) We are concerned about the noise that may be created by the gate shutting loudly day and night and the potential disturbance to our peace from people wanting to obtain the access code.
- 6) Tradesmen frequently use the snickets to access properties and the gates will make this more difficult.

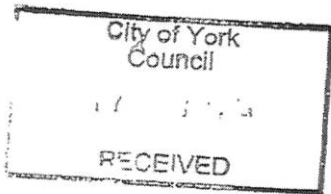
We believe a simple, low cost bollard at either end of the snicket to prevent car drivers from using the snicket as a short cut would improve safety for people, particularly children, using the snicket.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature area]

Dr Elizabeth Fathers
Dr Chris Robinson CEng

Thorpe St / Russell St



Graham Meiklejohn
 38 Thorpe Street
 York
 YO23 1NL

16 February 2014

Rights of Way Officer
 Sustainable Transport Service
 Council of the City of York
 West Offices
 Station Rise
 York
 YO1 6GA

125355

Dear Sir/Madam,

Objection to Thorpe Street/Russell Street Gating Order 2014

I wish to formally object to the notice of intention to install alleygates at Thorpe Street and Russell Street. My reasons for making this objection are as follows:

1. Crime

Over the course of the last year I have spent a lot of time at home. This has given me the opportunity to observe behaviour. Any issues of a criminal or anti-social behaviour nature have not taken place in the back alleys. They have instead taken place in the main street.

The figures provided to residents on the level of crime and anti-social behaviour at the Micklegate areas show that crime has fallen without the gates being there. This undermines the use of the figures as a reason for installing the gates.

Furthermore, the figures include automotive crime. Given that no vehicles are parked in alleys, instead being on the main street, the inclusion of these figures undermines the case being made and appear to have been included to raise the overall figure.

This therefore discredits the numbers being used for this consultation. As a result the figures sent to residents are flawed.

Taking this further figures are listed for criminal damage and thefts. Based upon the inclusion of automotive crime I can only assume that criminal damage as listed has occurred on the main street rather than the back alleys. Also the theft figures do not indicate if they are from the front or the rear of properties.

For a proper and effective consultation to have taken place only figures that relate to alleys should have been used. Residents have been presented with a false representation of crime in back alleys through these figures.

As such, given that crime has fallen without the gates, and that as residents we have been supplied with misleading statistics I object to the installation of alleygates under the presumption of prevention of crime.

2. Right of way

The current open nature of the back alleys presents an open feeling to the community living in these streets off Scarcroft road. Installing the gates removes a right of way that I enjoy using. I do not want that right of way to be removed.

The continuous route through the alleys provides a quieter and safer alternative to Scarcroft road.

Furthermore, the alleygates close down a community giving the impression of a fortress and an area with problems.

In addition, residents have not yet been advised on where the gates would be positioned as it is dependent on a scan for utilities. A proper consultation requires the exact location of the gates to be known. Not providing residents with this information is a serious flaw in the consultation. How can people support or object to the placing of gates if they do not know where they will be?

As there is no real crime or nuisance problem from the backalleys I object to the erection of the gates as they remove a right of way I frequently use and that they will harm the current sense of community in the area by closing it down.

3. Waste collection

The information provided to residents' states that household waste would be collected from the front of properties. I contacted the Council to ask for further information on how this would be collected. I received the following reply on 04 February 2014 from Emily Tones, Assistant Rights of Way Officer:

"As with all other areas added to the gating scheme we would require all refuse to be presented to the front doors of any included properties, in accordance with our existing policies around not presenting waste before 19:00 the evening before and to be out no later than 07:00 on the day of collection. This will allow us to clear the streets within our day's work and this will occur only one day in every two weeks.

"This method is used in other gated areas and once the initial settling in period has passed, seems to work relatively well. Where issues arise from residents presenting waste outside these times we will monitor the situation and where appropriate contact them to address the issue.

"They [Waste Services] have also confirmed that refuse would be required to be presented on collection day outside any forecourts (on the footway) and in bin bags. This method of waste collection takes place in other areas of the city where alleygates have been installed and as far as I am aware, it is not considered to present a hazard to pedestrians.

"Whether refuse is stored at the front (within the forecourt area) or the back of properties between collections would be for residents to decide."

Based upon this reply I formally object to alleygates due to the disruption, littering and hazard the change in waste collection will have on the community.

All residents currently store their waste at the rear of their properties pending placing this in the back alley for collection on the appropriate refuse day. We will move to a situation where residents

will store refuse at the front of properties creating a littering hazard as bags are opened by cats or burst, a health hazard as they begin to smell in hot weather and the impact of this will be to downgrade the current tidy, clean and well-presented street with bin bags stored at the rear of properties.

Furthermore, residents will place their bin bags on the pavement for collection presenting a mobility issue for those with prams and the elderly. This also increases the risk that these bin bags will burst spilling waste onto the streets.

The collection of waste from the front of properties also increases the likelihood that cars will be damaged during the collection process. Waste is also currently collected just after 0700 as people are getting ready to go to work. Collecting at this time from the front of properties will not work as the street is very busy at that time of day. A later collection time increases the risk of litter and people tripping over bags left on the pavement.

None of these points appear to have been considered by the City of York Council given their reply to me. This lack of thought into how waste would be collected and the impact on mobility and litter needs to be properly assessed. Again, as with the crime, this is flawed element of the proposal to install alleygates that has not been consulted with residents adequately.

The collection of waste (non-recycling) from the rear of properties is also my preferred way of having this collected.

Given the proposed change in how waste would be collected I object to the proposal to install alleygates.

4. Council cutbacks

I repeatedly read remarks from Cllr James Alexander about the difficult choices the Council has to make to ensure they can protect frontline services while absorbing central Government funding cuts.

While I recognise the work the Council has done in this area, as a Council Tax payer the money spent on installing these alleygates would be better spent on frontline services rather than on something this community does not want or need.

In all the correspondence from the Council on this matter the cost of the alleygates have not been revealed. How can residents make an informed decision if this information is withheld? This further demonstrates the process to consult on the alleygating scheme is flawed.

Given the cost to install these gates I formally object to their erection and ask that this money be spent elsewhere to protect frontline services delivered by the Council.

5. Councillor conflict of interest?

I have received a flyer from the York Labour Party showing Cllr Sandy Fraser promoting the alleygate plan. As far as I am aware Cllr Fraser lives in Millfield Street, a location that is planned to have alleygates installed.

This appears to be a conflict of interest between him as a resident and a Labour Party Councillor in representing the proposals. His position as someone who would benefit from the gates should have

been made clear as it currently appears that a personal desire to have gates in the area he lives is being railroaded through the Council.

In the leaflet (enclosed with this letter) Cllr Fraser is quoted as saying: *"This is great news. There have been too many instances of people using back alleys to get up to no good. Alleygating is a good way of putting a stop to this behaviour."*

I disagree with his comments as this is not the experience I have had as a resident in Thorpe Street. Also the crime and anti-social behaviour figures provided by the Council do not reveal any rising rate of concern. As detailed above, in most cases crime has fallen without the gates being present. Cllr Fraser clearly has a personal desire to see the gates installed.

But again, by not making this potential conflict of interest clear to residents the transparency of the consultation is flawed undermining the proposals.

6. Resolve the problem

Although I have not seen any evidence of a crime of anti-social behaviour problem for arguments sake if there was one, all the gates would do is move the problem onto the main streets. This is not the solution.

Rather than closing down communities, creating barriers and ruining life in what is a vibrant and friendly part of York, if this problem exists that target the money planned to be spent on these alleygate barriers on solving the problems people have.


This is a core example of a frontline service that the Council should be working on rather than wasting the hard earned money of Council Tax Payers on gates that are not wanted and will ruin a community.

In conclusion I have outlined six main areas where I object to the erection of alleygates. At the time of writing I am still blind with regards to the true level of crime in alleys, how my waste will be collected, how the resulting litter will be collected from the street or where the gates will be placed.

These points have not been considered by the Council. As detailed through this letter any attempts to have a meaningful consultation have been flawed and the nature of the consultation would not be upheld under proper legal scrutiny. There is also the outstanding issue of a Councillor and whether he has a conflict of interest over the proposal to install alleygates exists.

For these reasons above I formally object to the proposal to install alleygates and strongly urge you not to install them in this community.

Yours sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

Graham Meiklejohn

Enc: Leaflet delivered by hand by the Labour Party

Micklegate Rose

Your local Labour councillors:

Cllr Julie Gunnell 641343

cllr.jgunnell@york.gov.uk

Cllr Sandy Fraser 651443

cllr.sfraser@york.gov.uk

Cllr Dave Merrett 670557

cllr.dmerrett@york.gov.uk

New alleygates plan update

Following a recent survey of residents, gates could soon be installed in local alleyways in Micklegate to combat crime and anti-social behaviour. Four streets (see below) will have alleygates installed after most residents gave the scheme a green light. Plans for a centralised rubbish collection scheme have also been dropped in favour of a front of house collection system, following intervention by local Labour councillors. **A further, legal consultation is currently underway when any objections can be lodged.**



Micklegate Councillors Sandy Fraser, Julie Gunnell and Dave Merrett at the existing Millfield Road/Nunthorpe Avenue alleygate

The alleys involved are:

Millfield Road / Thorpe Street

Thorpe Street / Russell Street

Russell Street / Scott Street

Scott Street / Nunmill Street

The move follows a campaign by Micklegate Labour councillors who lobbied City of York Council after being contacted by residents worried about burglaries, graffiti and rubbish dumping. Cllr Sandy Fraser, who has been backing the alleygate scheme, said "This is great news. There have been too many instances of people using the back alleys to get up to no good. Alleygating is a good way of putting a stop to this behaviour."

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73 Thorpe Street
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17 February 2014

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Objection to Thorpe Street/Millfield Road Gating Order 2014

I write to formally object to the notice of intention to install alleygates at Thorpe Street and Millfield Road. I base my objection on the following areas:

1. Crime

The figures provided to residents on the level of crime and anti-social behaviour at the Micklegate areas show that crime has fallen without the gates being there. This undermines the use of the figures as a reason for installing the gates.

In addition, the figures include car crime. Cars do not park in the alley. They park on the main street. Your inclusion of car crime figures badly undermines the case for alley gating. You have either deliberately included misleading figures or you have failed to properly research your case.

Whichever it is, your consultation is discredited and based upon falsehoods. You have no case for your gates and I reject your plans.

Taking this further, the figures are listed for criminal damage and thefts. Based upon the inclusion of car crime I can only assume that criminal damage as listed has occurred on the main street rather than the back alleys. The theft figures do not indicate if they are from the front or the rear of properties.

For a proper and effective consultation to have taken place you should only have used figures that relate to alleys.

Given that crime has fallen without the gates, and your supplying misleading statistics, I object to the installation of alleygates under the presumption of prevention of crime.

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KUSSELL ST / SCOTT ST.

Replied
21/02/14

Tones, Emily

From: Dorothy Marlen [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 February 2014 09:34
To: alleygating@york.gov.uk
Subject: A public meeting please
Attachments: dorothy.vcf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hello,
I am a resident on Scott Street. I understand there is a proposal to erect alleygates inbetween the streets leading off Scarcroft Road. I am against having the gates for several reasons. I have been talking to other residents and it is not a simple picture. I would say at least half of the houses on my street are rented so the occupants don't have an opinion either way. Then the permanent residents are divided in opinion some want them, some are strongly against them. I strongly feel the best way forward is to have a public meeting held at Clements Hall - our local community centre. WE need to slow the process down so that residents fully understand the pros and cons. There needs to be much more open consultation. It is not good enough to just do a head count as so many of the residents along these streets are transient and will not have to put up with the long term effects. I hope very much you will not make a decision until there is a full debate.
I will also be writing to Hugh Bailey.
Thank you very much,
Best wishes,
Dorothy Marlen

45 Scott St. (voted for gates initially).

Kept
21/02/14

Russell St / Scott St

Tones, Emily

From: Steve Savage [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 February 2014 13:45
To: alleygating@york.gov.uk
Cc: Cllr. S. Fraser
Subject: Alleygating Russell Street/Scott Street

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi

I am writing in reply to the letter received in respect of the proposed alley gating on Russell Street / Scott Street.

I would like to formally object to the proposed gating.
The proposal will spoil the character of the neighbourhood. We live in an open and friendly community and I do not want it become like a gated community. If the primary reason is to reduce crime then I would prefer to see measures such as CCTV or more uniformed patrols and the Council should be looking at better ways to prevent crime at the source, rather than locking away certain streets. I cannot see that it reduces crime – it does not prevent crime - it will just move it elsewhere.

I frequently use the alleyways as a shortcut around the neighbourhood and when I cycle it helps to avoid the busy Scarcroft road. The alleyways are also usually less icy than the pavements. The Council does not grit the pavements of either Russell Street or Scott Street and usually it is safer to walk through the alleyways.

I strongly urge the Council to reconsider this proposal.

Regards
Steve Savage

Spoke w/ Mr. Beetham on 14th
18th Feb.

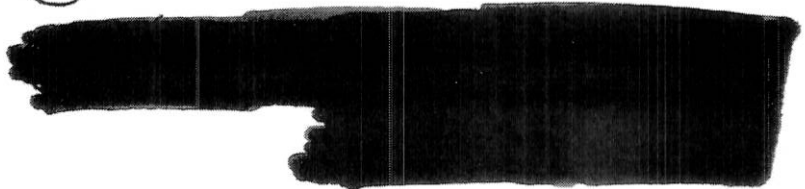
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32, Russell St.
York.
YO23-1NW.

Dear Sir, madam,

I am writing to
express, my wife and I, would
strongly in support of Ally Cating.
which we feel would be a det
erant to Burglars, and anti social
behaviour, ie cycles, rubbish, left in
the back lane, also anti social
behaviour, on rare days.

yours. Sincerely



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Annex 3: Petition

LENA SCHIBEL-MASON
Alexander Technique Teacher
MSTAT

5 Thorpe Street • York • YO23 1NJ • Telephone [REDACTED]

City & Environment Services
West Offices
Station Rise
York, YO1 6GA

York February 18th, 2014

Ref: ET/PROW/ALLEYGATING/MRd-TSt

Dear Ladies/Sirs,

Re: Objection to proposed alley gating of Millfield Road, Thorpe Street, Russell Street, Scott Street and Nunmill Street.
Request to withdraw the planned measures.

This letter is to formally register my strong objections to the proposed gating of the alleys in my and three adjacent streets.

Please find enclosed the response (within 3 days of handing it out) to a petition that I distributed in these streets.

6 Russell Street
8 Scott Street
3 Nunmill Street
14 (counting myself) Thorpe Street
Total of 31 responses

I fully endorse the petitions launched by Phil and Rachel Robinson, 29 Thorpe Street and by Dorothy Marlen, 45 Scott Street, and the remarks of Dan Kettwell, Scott Street, DPC Cairus, Thorpe Street, Mrs. M Ramsden, Scott Street, Carol Tucker, Russell Street and Shirley Richardson, Thorpe Street, all attached to their sheet.

Please keep me informed about further developments.

Yours sincerely

Lena Schibel-Mason

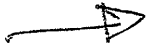
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Thanks for taking this initiative. I posted when it was first posted. P.

Gated Community?

Petition to reject Gating for Millfield Road, Thorpe Street, Russell Street and Scott Street

(Please put signed letter back through letter box : Lena Mason, 5 Thorpe Street)



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The survey of crime over the last few years by the council is not convincing me of the need for this action. Burglar alarms (my own one has worked well over the years, after being burgled three times before), community helper's presence and neighbourly awareness will go a long way to combat crime. I would rather flush out and pick up mess now and then, than be hemmed in.

Keeping out is not dealing with the problem

Those who cause us distress need other action by the council and us than more things being piled into our lives. Keeping out is not dealing with the problem. Using the gating money to pay for more community helper's presence and working with homeless, jobless people and drug addicts would bring far more help.

Please sign the petition below to avoid gating - we have until the 18th of February the latest to object:

Name (printed letters) MR DPC CAHANS
Street and Number: 30 THORPE STREET
Contact (phone/email) [REDACTED]

YES →

I am against the proposed Gating in my Street.

.....

.....signature

- ① IT IS A SERVICE ROAD - RUBBISH/REPAIR/WINDOW CLEANING
- ② NOT A BLIND SNICKET (LIKE SOME AROUND CARRLYSE)
- ③ RUBBISH COLLECTION ON PAVEMENTS IS SIMPLY CHAOTIC - DRINK BOTTLES ARE SAID ENOUGH

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Name (printed letters) MRS. K. BLACKETT

Street and Number: 28 THORPE ST

Contact (phone/email) [REDACTED]

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Name (printed letters) *Shirley Richardson + Tina Gray*

Street and Number: *18, Thorpe Street*

Contact (phone/email) 

I am against the proposed Gating in my Street.

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I also object to our rubbish being at the front of our house as it would look unsightly. Some people will leave their rubbish at the front of their house continuously and our street will appear very shabby.

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Name (printed letters)

Street and Number:

Contact (phone/email)

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TOM MORLAN 44 THORPE STREET

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GLEN WRIGGLESWORTH

44 THORPE STREET

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by tomorrow

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Name (printed letters) JAMIE CHARTERIS

Street and Number: 64 THORPE ST

Contact (phone/email) [REDACTED]

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Name (printed letters) PHILIP TOMES & RACHEL TADE ROBINSON

Street and Number: 29 THORPE STREET, YORK, YO23 1NS

Contact (phone/email) [REDACTED]

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HEIDI WOODOP

74 THORPE STREET.

please return by 20/02/11

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Street and Number: 11 THORPE ST
Contact (phone/email)

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Name (printed letters) *JAWETTE GRIFFIN*

Street and Number: *81 Thorpe Street*

Contact (phone/email) *any time !!*

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Name (printed letters) *Vicky Heaton*
Street and Number: *1 Thorpe Street, York.*
Contact (phone/email) *[REDACTED]*

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Name (printed letters) MR M JACOBS & MR L BROGATZK I.

Street and Number: 25 THORPE STREET, YORK

Contact (phone/email) [REDACTED]

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Contact (phone/email)

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Street and Number: *3 RUSSELL ST*

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R. GILLBANKS 45 Nunmill St.

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Name (printed letters) AINSLIE WALLER

Street and Number: 3 SCOTT STREET

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Street and Number: 12 SCOTT ST.

Contact (phone/email) [REDACTED]

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Handed in @ Public Meeting
on 21st March

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Street and Number: 21 NUNMILL ST.

Contact (phone/email) [REDACTED]

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But we agree with you!

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Name (printed letters) DAN KETTLEWELL

Street and Number: SCOTT STREET, 57

Contact (phone/email) [REDACTED]

I am against the proposed Gating in my Street.

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Keeping out is not dealing with the problem

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Street and Number: 27 NUNMILL ST

Contact (phone/email) [REDACTED]

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.....signature

PTO

children and animals play in the waste free
back alleys.

I've never been aware of the crime and anti-
social behaviour the Council talks about in the
4 years I've lived in this area. If I thought
they were a problem, I'd be asking for quotes.

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see overleaf

C Tucker
16 Russell St

Having seen the gates put in between Carnot Street
and Rosebury Street "in action" they are generally
left open anyway so the investment is a complete
waste of money.

Annex 4: Minutes of Public Meeting

Alley-gating Meeting Micklegate - 24th March 2014

75 Local Residents were in attendance

Apologies:

Cllr J Gunnell

Introductions:

Cllr S Fraser (Ward Cllr)

Ian Cunningham (Safer York Partnership, Senior Crime Analyst),

Emily Tones (Ass. Rights of Way Officer).

Declaration of interest:

Cllr S Fraser lives on a street which has been gated.

Cllr D Merrett gave introduction and overview to streets proposed for gating and current status.

Ian Cunningham explained that since 2004, have been asked to investigate, and where practically possible to implement alley-gating schemes.

Experience has shown that schemes work best in terraced areas with alleyways. Have done some 'small' schemes in Micklegate and larger schemes in Clifton, the Groves and Holgate. In Clifton and Holgate crimes have fall by significant percentages.

When looking at Micklegate, 4 streets come out to be best in terms of cost effectiveness. In other areas have found no evidence of displacement of opportunistic crime. There is an established legal process, which involves consultation with local residents, Police and other emergency services.

A scheme would only be proposed and consulted upon it there is a good case. There is a cost associated with the process not least to put legal notices in newspapers.

With regards to waste collection, City of York Council Transformation initiative is delivering lots of different outcomes including front door collections and more recycling.

Cost benefit example: a Burglary takes/costs £3 ½ k to clear up. In regard to these schemes, a reduction in 4/5 burglaries would cover the cost.

Process: Bishopthorpe Road - Nunmill Street consultation received 22 replies out of 68
(15 yes 7 no).

Cllr S Fraser: Bishopthorpe Road – Nunmill Street in a different position than others which are already in statutory consultation. Bishopthorpe Road – Nunmill Street objections were to do with vehicular use. Large houses with garages to the rear some indication that some residents might be changing their minds. The previous result was finely balanced much more than other schemes there would still be vehicular access.

Resident: Under the waste transformation would this be a front door collection? Houses on Bishopthorpe Road have significant steps up to them, not level access, and currently have perfectly functional rear alleyway collection.

Response: Rear collections can experience obstructions in rear alleyways; subsidence due to weight of vehicles an issue, also takes more time to collect from rear alleyways.

Resident: Not more viable to collect from the front.

Cllr D M: there is enormous pressure on budgets and Council is having to find the cheapest way to collect.

Ian Cunningham: The proposals for alley-gates are about bringing crime down. These are 2 things happening at the same time and they are not connected.

Resident: Bishopthorpe Road – Nunmill Street would require a black bag system because of steps.

Cllr D M: Black bags confirmed and measures to support residents.

Cllr S F: On the even side of Millfield Road was early scheme:

- 1) Ease of gating being a dead end.
- 2) Crime and disorder and fly tipping. When the scheme was brought in there was concern from residents regarding taking bags through the house now this is never raised as an issue. Residents were unhappy but got used to it

Resident: Separate issues, security and waste collections. The risk is opportunistic crime, residents are happy for bin men to know the code.

Ian Cunningham: This has been suggested to Waste Services, if council is looking for efficiencies on services then could look to move people to front door collections. Codes to gates will be given to emergency services.

Resident: There is a big mix in the area of people who own their own houses and tenants

(A discussion took place on who might have the codes).

Resident: A question was raised as to the timescale for changing the code.

Ian Cunningham: There isn't a set regime for changing codes in other areas. The codes have been changed on the basis of evidence of crime e.g. In Clifton a scheme of 600 houses in 5 years codes have been changed 2 or 3 times.

In terms of physical reduction in crime combined with efforts of services, crime is hugely reduced in areas where alley-gates have been installed. Statistics for Alley-gating are published in paper and on Council website.

Resident: Have been in area 2-3 years and there have been a high number of burglaries. There is complacency in room.

Resident – Thank you to the council for wanting to invest in our area, if we got gates installed will cleaning machines be able to access the alleyways?

Cllr D M: Once alleyways are gated we do not regularly clean them, it's not so much of an issue. Gated alleyways are cleaned on request.

Resident: I have found crime statistics quite difficult to read, how do our streets compare with others in the area?

Ian Cunningham: City of York Council currently have 70 request for alley-gating, we work out the crime rate and use this as an evidence base to work out prioritisation and concentrate efforts on the potential schemes with the biggest impact.

Resident: I/we adjacent to Thorpe St alleyway and experience anti-social behaviour, race day nuisance, fly-tipping alley-gating would stop this and reduce the burglary risk.

Cllr S F: When Ian does the statistics he considers, burglaries, antisocial behaviour and fly-tipping.

Resident: Crime statistics show a reduction from 20 in 2012 to 12 in 2013 I have been burgled 3 times and on Police advice installed an alarm box on the premises.

Thorpe St – Russell St 2 – 6
Scott St – Nunmill St 22 – 6

Resident: I can't see what all the fuss is about, I love going through alleyways it's so different to walking on Scarcroft Rd. It's a wonderful feature of the area.

Resident: (Nunmill St) I have lived here for 3 years and myself and neighbours have suffered graffiti, had a brick through the window, bike stolen and an alley-gate scheme would prevent race goers urinating in the alleyway and the alley being used for police evasion.

Resident: I own a house on Carnot, St Leeman Rd. The gate at the bottom of Carnot Street is left open 80% of the time. Only 10 house holders care. There is more fly-tipping than ever before.

Resident: Shouldn't residents take responsibilities for keeping the back alleyways clean and clear.

Emily Tones: A central bin collection point, but this means that the gates can't be shut until all of the bins in.

Resident:- I observe that the 4 proposals are different. One is very different to the others, maybe solutions appropriate to one and not the another.

Resident: I live at the very top of the Nunmill / Scott Street with a view down the alleyway, during the day am surprised at how many characters pass by. Have called the Police numerous times was burgled 5 years ago - there were 20 burglaries in a week then someone was caught and burglaries stopped. City of York Council has identified highest crime rates for whole of York based on the area rather than specific streets.

Ian Cunningham: Most streets which have back alleyways have put in request. PC. Dave White pushed hard to have gates here because back alleyways are the best opportunity for crime in the area. It could be that this is one of the last opportunities where there is the money to implement the schemes.

Resident: Couldn't there be a compromise on waste collection?

Resident: I moved from Southbank to Southlands Road, I have been burgled once and called the Police twice, have had someone tried my window and have witnessed drug dealing.

Resident: I am a regular dog walker on Scott Street and have regularly moved people on who are hanging around.

Resident: I have lived in the area since 1976 there have been burglaries but I question whether we are complacent and whether it's the fear of crime which

can be out of scale. I don't want to live in a gated area or to be frightened into it.

Resident: Nunmill / Bishopthorpe Rd alleyway if certain alleys are picked (gated) argument is crime is opportunistic what is needed is a an integrated approach.

Ian Cunningham: Fair comments, prefer to do all of the proposed alleyways or we don't block schemes are preferable. This is about residents coming together to debate and come to an outcome.

Residents: I'm in favour of the scheme, one of my neighbours had sports car broken into, got in through back of house to steal the keys. Arguments against are sentimental against a practical solution. Gates are generally closed and respected accompanied by overall benefit no graffiti, reduced burglary. How will the issue be resolved?

Cllr D M: Will produce a report and a decision will be made.

Resident: What about the noise from the gates?

Cllr S F: There was an issue with one gate on the even side of Millfield Road by a B&B, the noise was deadened by using rubber stoppers and owner of the B&B has not raised the issue since.

Emily Tones: Results of the consultation to date

	Properties	Yes	No	
Millfield/Thorpe	89	35	6	
Thorpe/Russell	86	35	14	
Russell/Scott	89	33	10	
Scott/Nunmill	39	34	8	
Bishopthorpe/Nunmill	68	18	10	
“ “ Second cons	68		15	7

35 Formal objections.

Resident: On Bishopthorpe Rd there are 12 garages.

Resident: In favour based on opportunistic crime. Take the waste collection out of issue then this would lessen objections.

Cllr D M: When we had the first set of returns we went to Waste Services to get a scheme, comments will fed back.

Resident: I am a big fan of City of York Council and this is another problem that they have the ability to solve. We know about budgets and surely we can come up with a solution.

Cllr DM: We will take a straw pole – no promises but will help assess resident opinion.

Resident: 2 way system currently recycling out the front and rubbish out the back. Been in the area 3 years and there was a burglary locally in the first week we moved in. Children can still play out the back. Don't want to be in a negative position wholeheartedly support it.

Resident: (Scott St) I don't see a social benefit. I don't see ASB on race days. I don't think its sentiment or whimsical to want an open neighbourhood. I have had graffiti, the area is being targeted because people have requested gates. The figures show less than half the people are for the gates. They will be left open, tradesmen will have the codes. I have been burgled, its horrible a real intrusion and effects you. I don't think that gates will reduce this.

Resident: How do back alleys function as a source of community? If so, people need to clear up after your dog, broken glass they could function better with gates?

Resident: Thorpe/Russell is the only alley without a light, can't we have more?

Resident: I got burgled a month after lights were fitted.

Ian Cunningham: In streets proposed for gating, we looked at other schemes; fake alarm boxes, lights, trellising: gating has the biggest impact on crime.

Resident: A black sack system on Bishopthorpe Rd; it won't work putting 2 weeks worth of rubbish out the front in a tourist & business area.

Resident: There were 35 formal objections; there are other means to address petty crime, there is no proportion. In Thorpe St lots of children knocking balls around there and how often are alleyways used to walk through to Nunmill or Shopping Centre?

Resident: Would have been happier for my son to play out in back alleyway if alley had been gated.

Resident: What are the stats on crime moving, if gate one and not others, this would be an issue for residents?

Resident: Not obsessed about crime, sensible measures to reduce risk, lighting more expensive.

Resident: If Alley-gating area, do all 5 or none.

Resident: I'm a car owner with garage at the back, I'm not trying to stop gates, I'm for the project.

Resident: I'm a car owner and for the scheme.

Resident: I'm a garage owner and was worried about the position of the gates. Now you've moved the position of the gates I'm for the scheme.

Emily Tones: After initial concerns re feedback on position of gates, we met with residents. There was concern about ability to turn. Gates will not be an obstruction for vehicles. The width of a gate on vehicular alley is 2.5mtrs which is standard parking space width.

Resident: A couple of times people have mentioned dodgy characters. This is natural insecurities seeing someone with hood up or out late doesn't equal crimes.

Resident: In Manchester and Liverpool alley-gating has shown to significantly reduce crimes. I'm interested as went to school in Liverpool and have lived in Manchester.

Resident: For practicality gate Russell/Thorpe, East/West instead of North/South.

Emily Tones: The formal consultation will restrict walkthrough.

Resident: Protect the same amount of properties if gate North/South can it be looked at.

Emily Tones: Response from the 1st Consultation mixed views - some people wanted gates moved forwards and protect more properties. If consensus is North/South can we have a straw pole?

Resident: I do appreciate how much time and effort put into consultation. The scheme needs strong support.

Resident: Bishopthorpe/Nunmill is used by car owners, it is the way to access homes most the time and garages without risk of damage.

Concerned about practicalities;

What do people have to do to open/close gates?

How will it work for the infirm / elderly / disabled?

Opening car door in narrow alley is difficult and compromises access.

Security issues - gating is not the only way of preventing it, what about CCTV?

Concerned, getting in and out of car - will be more vulnerable.

Finally Bishopthorpe Rd is different for refuse collections, you can't separate the issues here CYC has looked at collections at the front and there are Health and Safety concerns for refuse collections. The steps are steep and difficult for the elderly / infirm, in winter particularly. The effect on the disabled will be counter to DDA legislation.

Resident: It should be all in or all out.

Resident: For gated alleyways, not a gated community. Not frightened of crime.

Resident: Philosophical argument, feel the community would become a gated community, a compromise would be have some open areas, some able to be walked through and some protected.

Resident to Cllr S F: was there a felling of reduction in community with installation of alley-gates?

Cllr S F: My image of a gated community is that you drive up the gate and then onto estate. Don't think it had that effect. When gating first came in the then CYC Administration made the policy decision not to collect waste from back alleyways, the policy remains. Given constraints on CYC it's difficult to persuade Waste Management Services because of resources and practicalities. Officers have put a lot of work into trying to resolve issues and there have been amendments, changing the position of gates to address concerns and tailor the scheme. It's unfair to accuse them of partiality, there is a limited budget for alley-gating. If the sachem does not go ahead then the next scheme down the list will get the resource. Unlikely, when we would next have a budget to develop similar schemes.

Issue 1- those seeking to retain back of property waste collection, of those who would otherwise be against, support the scheme if retained back alley waste collection?

Issue 2: Short cuts through, behind Scarcroft, those who want to retain short cut through.

21 for retention of cut throughs
26 against (full gate)

Cllr D M: Will need to make a decision on objections received during statutory consultations. All those in favour of schemes leave aside:

Bishopthorpe/Nunmill:

For 21

Against 17

Bishopthorpe Rd / Nunmill

For 7/8

Against 4/5

Resident: Rubbish is relevant

Emily Tones: Will prepare a report for decision at OIC asap. If a decision is taken then a letter will be sent to residents giving 6 weeks notice during which time applications can be made to The High Court. After 6 weeks the procurement process starts with a view for installation in 2 / 3 months

Cllr DM: Thanked residents for coming and closed meeting

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Annex 5: Public Meeting - Comments

Millfield Road / Thorpe Street

In support of gating:

1) (Monday 24 March 2014)

Dear Councillor Fraser

We were there at the meeting tonight, as we are very much in favour of the alleygates. It was very depressing that what we would regard as a straightforward and proven way to reduce crime, fly tipping and graffiti should receive so many negative comments. This is a particular problem on our side of Millfield Road, indeed near neighbours have suffered two burglaries recently.

I wanted to make a point at the end but we ran out of time. There was a suggestion that an amended scheme might move some gates further back to a north/south direction, which we believe means that if this were accepted for the four streets, then those of us at the ends would be vulnerable to displaced criminal activity as we would be outside the gated area. For this reason we would be very much against that amendment.

We do hope however that the scheme is accepted generally, as we recognise that this is a one-off opportunity which is not likely to be repeated.

(Wednesday 26 March 2014 – further comment received from Susan Major)

Many thanks for your help with this issue. Having spoken to quite a few people on this side of the street there is quite a lot of support for the scheme here. It appears that supporters assumed that it would succeed and therefore did not give the meeting/consultation sufficient priority.

(Thursday 27 March 2014 – further comment received from Susan Major)

We understand the concerns in Thorpe Street regarding the changing character of the area, which we share - but after careful consideration we feel that the solution to a number of problems that the gates will provide far outweigh any possible loss of freedom.

Other people have suggested that putting gates on the alleyways will somehow turn us into a 'gated community'. This very loaded word is not really appropriate to what is proposed. We feel that very little community life goes on in those alleyways, apart from nefarious goings on at night. We use our alleyway with our bikes and the wheelbarrow to the allotment and hardly ever see anyone in it. Our interactions with other people in our community all happen at the front.

People talked about the need for children to be able to play in the alleys, but it would actually be much safer if they were gated. The alleyway becomes a safer and more secure yard extension for children to play with their friends in yards across the alley. It becomes a safer area to practise riding bikes and have a degree of independence to play.

We acknowledge concerns about the 'stopping up' of a 'safer' route across the streets. This is of course something that is less convenient for us in Millfield Road, but I must say that when we have our young grandchildren with us we would regard it as far safer to cross at the ends than in the alleyways through parked cars.

Rubbish collection issues were another reason to consider a 'no' vote - but it's now possible that all rubbish collections in the near future will be made from the street side of properties, whether or not the alley gates are erected, so that was another good reason for us to vote for the gates.

This is a one-off opportunity to carry out the scheme, as the council won't have the money again and the next neighbourhood on the list will benefit. Ours was top of the list because of the relatively high crime rate in the streets. Evidence was provided about the proven reductions in crime following the installation of alleygates in other areas of York. There've been two recent break-ins on Millfield Road (and many more in recent years), all to the rear of properties. It's clear from this that the alley represents a serious security issue - and there has also been a good deal of fly tipping, at times our rear exit has been blocked because of this. There is also the problem of dog dirt, reports of drug dealing and a lot of ugly graffiti appearing on back gates in recent years. It may be that some residents have been unaware of many of the problems locally - but as the police say, that's because most of the illegal activity happens late at night.

With the gates in place in our alley at least, I believe we can look forward to living in a much tidier and safer neighbourhood, especially for the elderly and those with young children - and we actually think the gates look quite good! So as you can see we are very much in favour and feel that the move would solve a large number of current problems, at the expense of preventing a limited number of people walking through a short cut.

I would just add that a number of compromises have been suggested, one of which allows the cut through to remain, although this would be at the expense of leaving some properties outside the gated alleyway. An alternative suggestion is to gate Millfield Road/Thorpe St only, and not the other streets, leaving the cut-through in place.

2) (Tuesday 25 March 2014)

Dear Councillor,

We couldn't make the meeting last night to hear concerns or otherwise about the proposed scheme; I understand that the decision is 'in the balance'. Just a short note to reiterate that we are in favour of alley-gating with regard to restricting access to the alley in order to reduce/eliminate: graffiti; crime and other anti-social behaviour.

3) (Tuesday 25 March 2014)

Hello

I was sorry not to be able to make the meeting yesterday re: Alley gates on the odd side of Millfield Road. I just wanted to add my voice to the support for this project. It seems a bit of a no brainer to be honest! It can only improve security for our houses and those of Thorpe Street. I can't imagine that there are any tangible arguments against this Alleygating project?

4) (Tuesday 25 March 2014)

Dear Councillor Fraser,

My support for the gating scheme isn't motivated by recent events - I was fervently in favour before the recent break-ins took place, as the 'peace of mind' benefits appear to far outweigh any possible minor inconveniences residents may experience.

I understand that there is a proposal (as mentioned by Sue & Ralph) to erect only North/South facing gates locally. Can you confirm that this proposal wouldn't effect the installation of the East/West gate at the bottom of Thorpe Street, as a number of proven vulnerable properties at the low end of Millfield Road would then be disadvantaged.

I'm aware that there has been a fair amount of opposition to the proposal, but it's my understanding (correct me if I'm wrong) that waste collections in the near future are likely to be made from the street side of properties anyway. Do we yet know if/when that is to be the case?

I was unable to attend the meeting last night, but I'm keen to see the minutes once they've been written up. Would that be possible?

One last point (and forgive me if it's already been raised) but if the gates are rejected - is there a possibility of erecting CCTV cameras instead?

Anyway - I'm sorry I couldn't make the meeting and thank you for all the effort you've put into the gating scheme thus far.

5) (Tuesday 25 March 2014)

Dear Cllr Fraser

We were unable to attend the public meeting last night but wish our support for the alleygating scheme currently under consultation to be noted.

We believe that the increased security that the alleygating scheme will bring alone outweighs any disadvantages.

6) (Tuesday 25 March 2014)

As a resident of Millfield road, would like to express my support for an alley gate. I have had an attempted burglary in the past and as a single woman, would feel just a little more secure.

I attended the meeting last night and remained unconvinced by objections to the scheme. I do hope a vocal minority will not rob us of the chance to go ahead. I would like to say thanks to the council representatives, and yourself.

7) (Wednesday 26 March 2014)

Hi

Although I am not living in my house at the moment as I am working overseas I would like to express my opinion regarding the proposed alleygates. I have always been in favour of the alleygates being installed and as a property owner if my opinion is still relevant please take note of it.

8) (Wednesday 26 March 2014)

Dear Councillor Fraser,

We were unable to attend the alleygates proposal meeting on Monday night, so we would like to advise you that we strongly support the proposal to gate the alleys.

9) (Wednesday 26 March 2014)

Councillor Fraser,

My wife and I were unable to attend the public meeting on Monday to discuss the proposal to install alley gates in some of the streets off Scarcroft Road. We live on Millfield Road and are strongly in favour of the proposal. We believe it would reduce littering, graffiti and, crucially, improve security at the rear of our house. Our neighbours were burgled a few months ago and it made us realise how vulnerable we are with open access to the alley.

There also appears to be more young families moving into the street, and with a child on the way ourselves, we would appreciate the improved security alley gates would provide for children.

I hope you will take our views into account.

10) (Thursday 27 March 2014)

Good morning

I was unable to attend the meeting however I am 100% in favour of the alleygates for millfield road . As a single parent I feel it would be safer and reduce crime and allow my child to also play in the lane safely given that we have no gardens so to speak.

I hope this scheme goes ahead as a resident for 21 yrs it is something I have always wanted to see.

11) (Thursday 27 March 2014)

Dear Councillor Fraser,

I wanted to write in support of the proposed alleygates in the Scarcroft Road area. I was the victim of burglary last year when 2 very expensive folding bicycles were taken from our back courtyard. Police confirmed that the individual came over our locked back gate, which would not have been possible had there been a gate protecting the alley. This was a personal loss of over 500 pounds as we were

unable to claim the theft with our insurance company as they weren't locked to a "fixed point". It is impossible to lock all our courtyard possessions to a fixed point (ie. garden furniture, BBQ) so we continue to be vulnerable to theft.

I cannot think of any sensible reason to not proceed with the proposed gates as those who need access through the gates will have access. Only those using it as a cut-through might disagree but I don't feel this argument for convenience has equal weight.

12) (Thursday 27 March 2014)

Dear Councillor Fraser

I was unable to attend the public meeting re the alley gate proposal on Monday night so I wanted to write to express my support for the scheme.

Roughly 12 months ago we were broken into at the rear of the property whilst away for the weekend. The intruder did not take much of any financial worth, however, I am still picking up the emotional damage he left behind with my 8 year old daughter. She is still scared in her own home after he smashed her money box all over her bed. She is uncomfortable being left alone to watch tv in the living room if I am upstairs and she has to watch me put out the bins and recycling for fear of being inside the house whilst I am in the yard. I feel if the alley ways were gated it would deter opportunists and limit the number of break ins in the area. I was informed by CID during the investigation into our burglary that 17 properties were broken into over a 2 week period. Obviously this was an exceptional time but sadly these times can reoccur and I would be far happier knowing that additional security was in place to prevent other children experiencing what my daughter is still struggling to come to terms with 12 months later.

Thank you for your time.

13) (Thursday 27 March 2014)

Dear Sandy,

May I express in the strongest terms possible that I am **IN FAVOUR** of the alleygating scheme going ahead as soon as possible.

Many thanks indeed

14) (Thursday 27 March 2014)

Hello

Thank you for the note regarding alley gating.

As a family who have lived here for almost twenty years, all adults, none who have cars, and who also have an allotment at scarcroft, we are totally supportive and would welcome alley gating.

We did not miss the meeting through complacency but because we all work and not in nine to five roles, therefore could not attend.

Over the years we have seen the situation re graffiti, fly tipping and security, deteriorate and have been victims ourselves.

The situation we believe has worsened since the lighting in the alley (more than in the street) was introduced and has helped people find their way to do damage etc., furthermore will stop the school children using as a place to smoke etc etc. which we also experience being at the other end of the street.

We are totally supportive and desirous of the proposal to alley gate and do not understand any of the arguments about through access, meeting friends, avoiding traffic and other similar nonsense that is being muted against the scheme. In no way will alleygating stop me or my family using the alley where required , such as bike access, deliveries. Neither are we people that do not know and/or care about our neighbours and do look out and care for our neighbours in many different ways knowing the elderly and vulnerable, again this has has been insinuated in some leaflets to oppose.

Please accept this email as a voice of support to the scheme.

Regards

15) (Friday 28 March 2014)

Dear Councillor Fraser,

I am writing to you regarding the proposal to put gates on the alleyways of Millfield Road/Thorpe Street.

I reside at [REDACTED], and, given the recent break-in at number [REDACTED], I am fully in favour of these gates being introduced. As I was not aware that there was a meeting on Monday to discuss the scheme, could you please advise as to how I can add my support?

Kind regards,

16) (Wednesday 2 April 2014)

Dear Mr Fraser,

We would like to inform you that we are in support of the proposal about the alleygates.

Thorpe Street / Russell Street

No comments received

Russell Street / Scott Street

No comments received

Scott Street / Nunmill Street

No comments received

All four schemes (at statutory consultation)

In objection to gating:

17) (Sunday 23 March 2014)

Dear Julie Gunnell, Sandy Fraser and Dave Merrett,

please find enclosed some of the questions that move residents in the streets that you propose to gate:

1- why did not everybody get an invitation to Monday evening ([REDACTED] did not get one for example) - **This has since been amended but very short notice for the 3 streets involved**

2 - What are the savings for the city with the rubbish collection happening from the front?

3 - On what percentage of responses was the 'yes' to gates based.?

4 - Residents versus Home owners (great mobility in this area amongst those who rent)

5 - Years of residence to distinguish between people with experience of the area and its good neighbourly vibes and those who have 'modern' ideas of security.

6 - quite a bit of the rubbish and de-fouling of the alleyways happens through residents

7 - small /narrow alleyways need extra attention as the machines don't get into them
- with regular cleaning they would not accumulate and attract so much junk/
syringes etc.

8 - How was crime rate counted: I heard, that car theft or vandalising was counted in
because it is not separately evaluated - thus falsifying the picture.

- * Short-term 'sticking plaster' solution to deeper underlying problems
- * Would not solve problems, simply move them elsewhere
- * Do we really want 'not in my backyard' policy?
- * What messages are we giving to our children?

Hoping for an openminded and listening meeting,

Yours sincerely

[3 residents]

18) (Sunday 23 March 2014)

Dear Emily,

**Re: Public Meeting to discuss the proposed alleygating schemes between
Millford Road, Thorpe Street, Russell Street, Scott Street, Numill Street and
Bishopthorpe Road**

Thank you for your letter of 13 March 2014 and for your time on the telephone on
the afternoon of 21 March 2014. I am [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

As we discussed, due to the short notice given for the public meeting (I received the
letter advising me of the meeting on 19 March 2014) I might be unable to attend as I
am on business in Scotland that day.

With this in mind I am outlining three main areas that I would have raised at the
public meeting and ask that these are included in your report of that meeting which
will be included in report which will be taken of a decision at the Officer in
Consultation meeting. These areas are as follows:

- A proposal to pause the project and monitor behaviour and crime in back
lanes and establish greater community engagement in crime prevention
- Observations relating to the issuing of the public consultation meeting
- My main areas of objection as per my letter of 16 February 2014

For the avoidance of doubt I am opposed to the introduction of alleygates

Proposal

As you state in your letter the local community is evenly split on the subject of alleygating. To proceed with the scheme as currently proposed will be against the feelings of a large part of this community. That said, I recognise that not to proceed is also against those who support the proposal.

Rather than proceeding I suggest that the City of York Council and other partners pause this project for a six month review period in order to:

- Monitor the true usage of the alleys rather than assumptions of use
- Bring the community together and introduce a neighbourhood scheme where residents monitor and advise police/the Council of any instances of concern
- Revisit this situation in six months to see if any improvements have been made or not.

This approach allows for a natural pause to take place and ensures both sides of this debate are listened to. It also helps bring a stronger community together by getting people to work together rather than going down the immediate route of installing gates.

I consider that the best way for the community and the council to take this forward is to pause, engage the community to better monitor usage of alleys and reassess the situation in six months. In doing so, the whole community will feel that they have properly been engaged in this process whether they support the final decision or not.

In taking this proposal forward I suggest that the Police, Safer York and our three Councillors hold a further public meeting to engage the community on this approach. The long term results will be a stronger, intertwined, sustainable and engaged community. If we can achieve that without the gates then something far better than just installing the gates will have been formed.

Observations of the consultation process

As we discussed on Friday I was concerned to have received a letter regarding the public meeting on 19 March 2014. You kindly explained during our telephone conversation that there had been an administrative error and not all streets had received the letter, hence a later mailing of the letter to those who had not received it.

Your letter states that *“the council has therefore made arrangements to hold a public meeting to give residents the opportunity to air their views and discuss what the best way forward would be for the community”*.

I am concerned that those who received the letter with less than one week of notice of the meeting will be unable to attend. As a result, they will have been denied the opportunity to convey their view regardless of whether they are in favour or opposed to the alleygating scheme. It might have been better to have postponed the meeting and held it one month later giving those effected the maximum amount of notice to attend the public meeting.

As details of the outcome of the meeting will be included in the report to be taken for a decision at the Officer in Consultation meeting I am very concerned that this will be an unfair report as there will be a number of people who cannot attend the meeting due to the lack of notice.

The extremely short period of time to advise residents of the meeting is a serious flaw in the consultation process, opening to question whether this has been a fair and meaningful consultation.

The lack of notice for most residents to be made aware of this public meeting must be included in the report of the public meeting in order that the Officer in Consultation can made a truly informed view.

Reasons for objection

While there is no requirement to repeat my reasons for objection as per my letter of 16 February 2014 I would have raised them had I been able to attend the public meeting so for clarity these are (note that I have withdrawn one following your helpful explanation during our phone conversation):

- Crime - Over the course of the last year I have spent a lot of time at home. This has given me the opportunity to observe behaviour. Any issues of a criminal or anti-social behaviour nature have not taken place in the back alleys. They have instead taken place in the main street. The figures provided to residents on the level of crime and anti-social behaviour at the Micklegate areas show that crime has fallen without the gates being there. Furthermore, the figures include automotive crime. Given that no vehicles are parked in alleys, instead being on the main street, the inclusion of these figures undermines the case being made and appear to have been included to raise the overall figure. I live half way up Thorpe Street so fail to see how the alleys could contribute to automotive crime outside my front door.
- Right of way - The current open nature of the back alleys presents an open feeling to the community living in these streets off Scarcroft road. Installing the gates removes a right of way that I enjoy using. The continuous route through the alleys provides a quieter and safer alternative to Scarcroft road. Furthermore, the alleygates close down a community giving the impression of a fortress and an area with problems.

- Waste collection - We will move to a situation where residents will store refuse at the front of properties creating a littering hazard as bags are opened by cats or burst, a health hazard as they begin to smell in hot weather and the impact of this will be to downgrade the current tidy, clean and well-presented street with bin bags stored at the rear of properties. Furthermore, residents will place their bin bags on the pavement for collection presenting a mobility issue for those with prams and the elderly. This also increases the risk that these bin bags will burst spilling waste onto the streets. The collection of waste from the front of properties also increases the likelihood that cars will be damaged during the collection process. Waste is also currently collected just after 0700 as people are getting ready to go to work. Collecting at this time from the front of properties will not work as the street is very busy at that time of day. A later collection time increases the risk of litter and people tripping over bags left on the pavement.
- Council cutbacks - While I recognise the work the Council has done to reduce costs, as a Council Tax payer the money spent on installing these alleygates would be better spent on frontline services rather than on something this community does not want or need.
- Resolve the problem - Rather than closing down communities, creating barriers and ruining life in what is a vibrant and friendly part of York, if this problem exists that target the money planned to be spent on these alleygate barriers on solving the problems people have. This is a core example of a frontline service that the Council should be working on rather than wasting the hard earned money of Council Tax Payers on gates that are not wanted and will ruin a community.

I hope that this letter has been of assistance and that my suggested proposal helps takes this issue forward.

If you require any further details please let me know.

Kind regards,

Nunmill Street / Bishopthorpe Road (informal consultation stage)

In support of gating:

19) (Wednesday 19 March 2014)

Dear Ms Tones,

I'm unable to attend the public meeting on 24/3 but would like my views to be taken into account.

I reside at [REDACTED]. I've lived in York since 1988 and in that time I have been burgled on two occasions. Both burglaries were via a back alley (one in Vine St - now gated) and once here at [REDACTED] via the back alley four years ago.

I support gating the back alley between Nunmill St and Bishopthorpe Rd. I've been burgled here and there has also been an instance of vandalism (graffiti on the back gate). My next door neighbours have also been burgled. I don't know whether there have been other burglaries.

It is not pleasant being burgled, especially at night. The effect on my children's feeling of security was marked. Unfortunately our experience is all too common. But we shouldn't have to put up with it.

I appreciate that just because someone has been burgled this doesn't automatically justify gating an alley, but the fact is that the council is, it seems, prepared to fund the installation of gates, so the security risk is recognised and lack of money is not an issue. That leaves the question of whether the benefits outweigh the disadvantages.

The benefit is security. At present, most of the houses here are vulnerable to unauthorised entry from the back alley, because they have low walls and it is relatively easy to get in, out and away without detection. In short - they are vulnerable.

The disadvantage is, possibly, inconvenience, mainly I imagine for car users, in particular those who have garages in the back alley (we don't - we have to park on the street in residents parking). The alley (on the corners) is a tight squeeze for larger vehicles - my car is too wide to get into the alley. I suppose installation of gates might further reduce available space, but this would depend on where the gate posts were installed.

To be clear, I don't want a situation where car owners/ tradesmen cannot actually get into the alley.

For my part, I think that feeling secure outweighs the disadvantage. I accept that others may not, but it seems to me that installing gates that do not prevent cars accessing the alley is a fair compromise between both sides.

In this context, there is a further point that ought to be considered. If, as seems likely, all the other alleys save the one between Nunmill St and Bishopthorpe Rd,

are gated, it leaves our alley as the only insecure alley in the area. As a consequence, we are more likely to become a target for burglaries simply because the other properties are secure and difficult to access. In such circumstances, our security is actually diminished.

This isn't an argument to level the playing field by not gating the other alleys (why should those householders not be more secure?) but rather that ours ought to be gated along with those alleys.

I leave it to the democratic process, but if and when someone is burgled, there is bound to be an element of 'we told you so' and it will be back on the agenda.

20) (Thursday 20 March 2014)

good evening Emily,

Unfortunately I won't be able to attend the meeting as I'm currently housebound due to a broken ankle.

I support alleygating to the alley (at the back of my house) At my age, security is a big issue and this would be such an advantage. I think most people are thinking of the inconvenience of carrying refuse thro the house, but we already do that for recycling!

I hope I can express my opinion this way, and that my opinion will be counted.

I have already filled in a form that was sent to me re. alleygating.
I hope the meeting goes well .

21) (Tuesday 25 March 2014)

Dear Councillor,

Just a quick email to thank you for taking the time and effort to arrange and chair last night's challenging meeting regarding alley gates. For what it's worth, I think you did a great job!

As residents, we appreciated the opportunity to air out views and to hear the views of others.

Please could you keep me informed as and when the reports are available to read (if public access is permitted)?

In the mean time, I would ask that you continue to bear in mind that on Bishopthorpe road, there are no disabled or infirm residents and that all of the regular car user/garage owning residents are in favour of the scheme.

Regards,

Crime and ASB Levels at Micklegate Alleyway Study Areas

Location	Crime Group	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Millfield Road / Thorpe Street Study Area	Assault	2	0	0	0	1
	Auto_Crime	0	1	0	0	1
	Burglary	3	2	0	1	5
	Criminal_Damage	8	3	8	2	2
	Other Offences	1	0	0	0	1
	Thefts	4	0	0	2	2
	Total	18	6	8	5	12
	Police ASB	15	5	3	3	7
	Council ASB	5	3	7	6	5
	Total	20	8	10	9	12

Location	Crime Group	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Thorpe Street / Russell Street Study Area	Assault	0	0	0	0	0
	Auto_Crime	0	1	0	0	1
	Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
	Criminal_Damage	1	4	2	1	0
	Other Offences	0	0	0	0	1
	Thefts	1	1	0	0	2
	Total	2	6	2	1	4
	Police ASB	2	2	0	1	3
	Council ASB	0	5	6	3	3
	Total	2	7	6	4	6

Location	Crime Group	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Russell Street / Scott Street Study Area	Assault	0	0	0	0	0
	Auto_Crime	1	0	2	2	0
	Burglary	0	1	2	1	6
	Criminal_Damage	4	2	8	1	2
	Other Offences	0	0	0	1	0
	Thefts	1	2	1	1	0
	Total	6	5	13	6	8
	Police ASB	3	1	6	7	7
	Council ASB	4	5	10	3	3
	Total	7	6	16	10	10

Location	Crime Group	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Scott Street / Nunmill Street Study Area	Assault	1	2	1	0	0
	Auto_Crime	0	1	2	1	2
	Burglary	1	0	1	0	2
	Criminal_Damage	6	5	1	1	4
	Other Offences	0	1	2	0	0
	Thefts	1	3	4	3	1
	Total	9	12	11	5	9
	Police ASB	16	7	16	6	2
	Council ASB	6	2	3	1	4
	Total	22	9	19	7	6

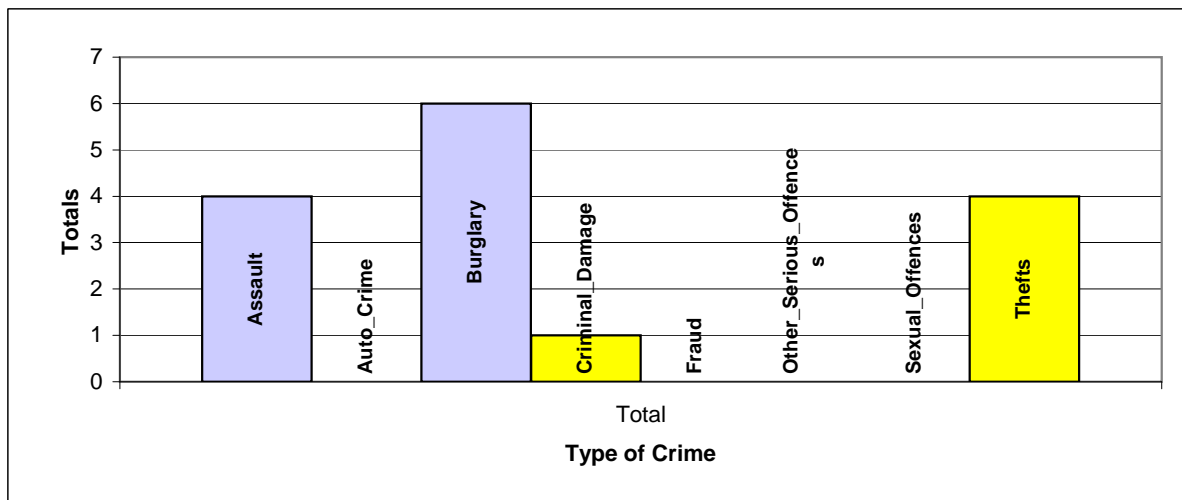


Crime Statistics

Crime Analysis Study Area:	=	Nunmill Street - Bishopthorpe Road
Size of Study Area from Application	=	Please see map
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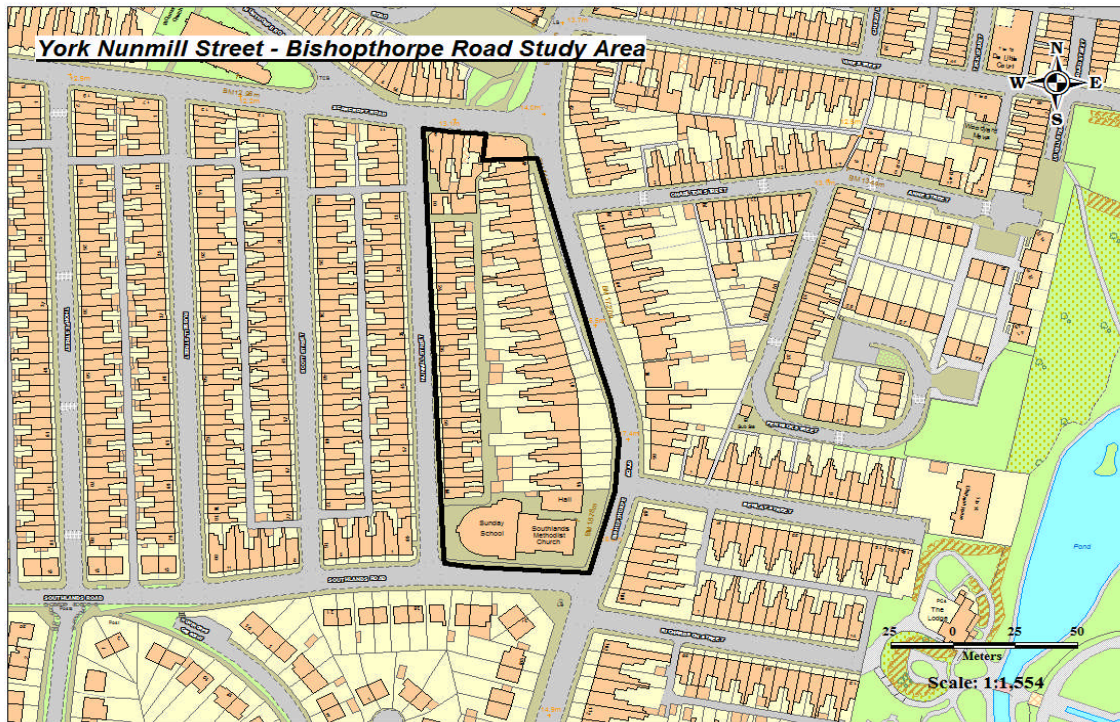
Crime Group	Total
Assault	4
Auto_Crime	0
Burglary	6
Criminal_Damage	1
Fraud	0
Other_Serious_Offences	0
Sexual_Offences	0
Thefts	4
Grand Total	15

A Table of Crime in the Study Area (Above) and corresponding Graph (Below)



A Table of Crime by Crime Group and then Crime Type

EVENT_GROUP	HO_DESCRIPTION	Total
ASSAULT	ACTUAL BODILY HARM WITHOUT INTENT	2
	ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY	1
	WOUNDING OR CARRYING OUT AN ACT ENDANGERING LIFE	1
BURGLARY	BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING	1
	BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	5
CRIMINAL_DAMAGE	CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO OTHER BUILDINGS	1
THEFTS	OTHER THEFT OR UNAUTHORISED TAKING	1
	THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLE	3
Grand Total		15



Which of the above crime occurred using alleyway as exit or entrance point

EVENT_GROUP	HO_DESCRIPTION	Total
BURGLARY	BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING	1
	BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	4
CRIMINAL_DAMAGE	CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO OTHER BUILDINGS	1
THEFTS	THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLE	3
Grand Total		9

A Table of Crime by Month of the Year and Hour of the Day in the Study Area

Month	Total
Jan	3
Feb	0
Mar	4
Apr	1
May	1
Jun	0

Month	Total
Jul	0
Aug	0
Sep	0
Oct	0
Nov	4
Dec	2

Crime Day	Total
Mon	3
Tue	2
Wed	2
Thu	1
Fri	3
Sat	4
Sun	0
Grand Total	15

Grand Total

15

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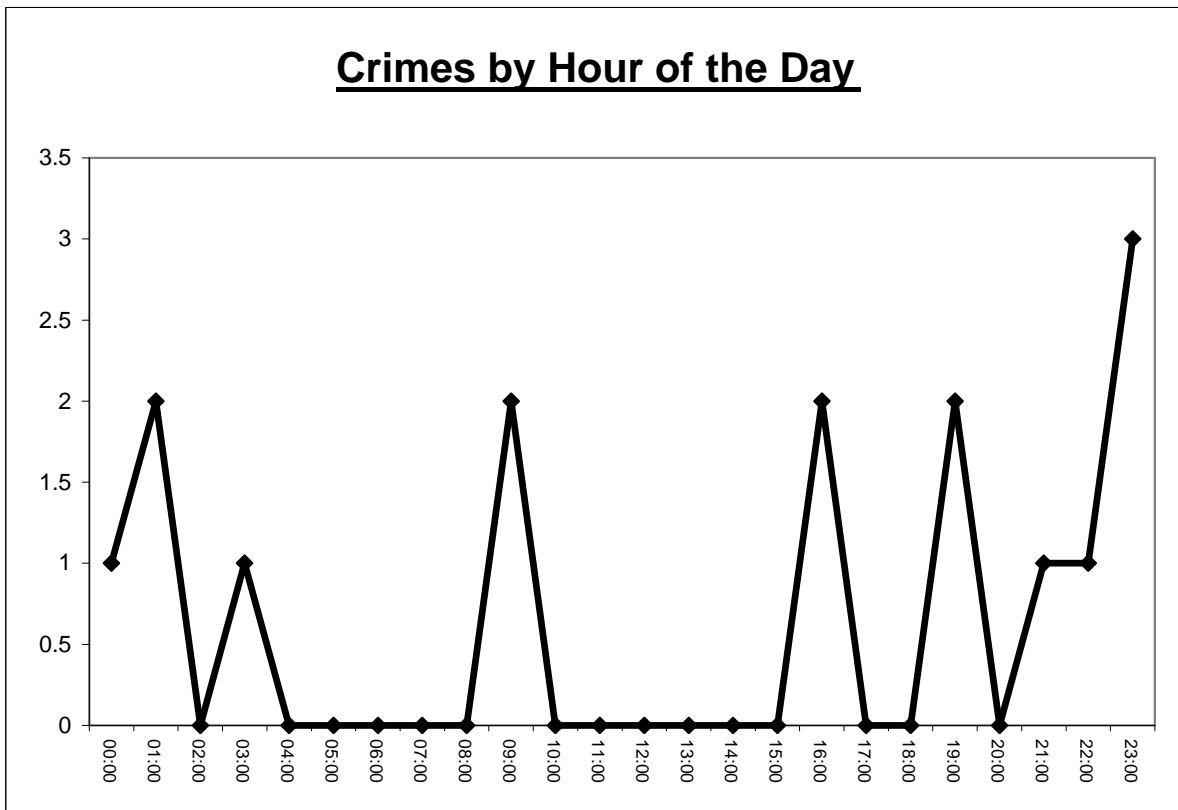
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A Table and Graph of Crime by Hour of the Day in the Study Area

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Crimes by Hour of the Day

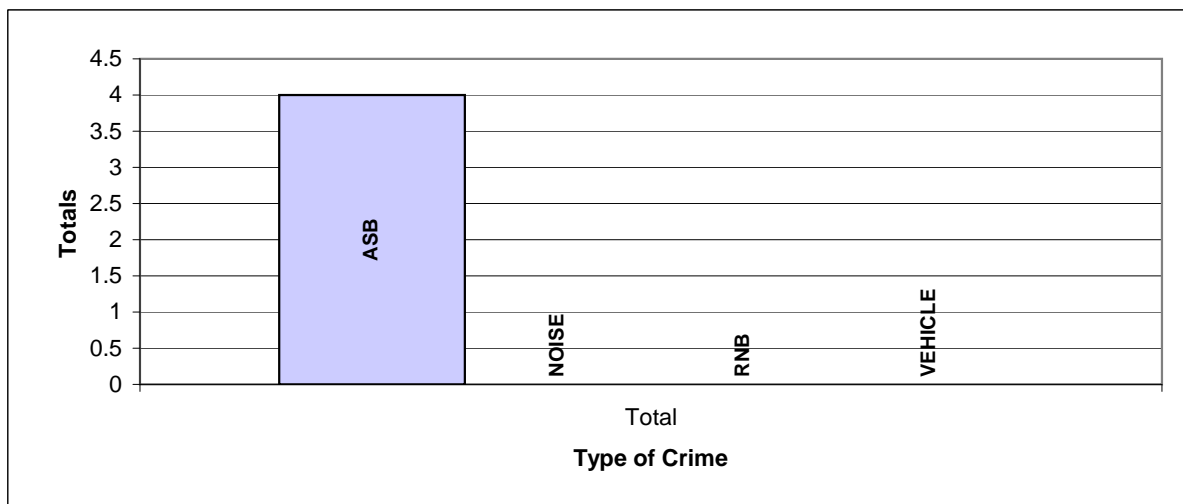


NYP ASB General Incidents Report

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Number of Months in Study Period	=	12
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ASB Incident Group	Total
ASB	4
NOISE	0
RNB	0
VEHICLE	0
Grand Total	4

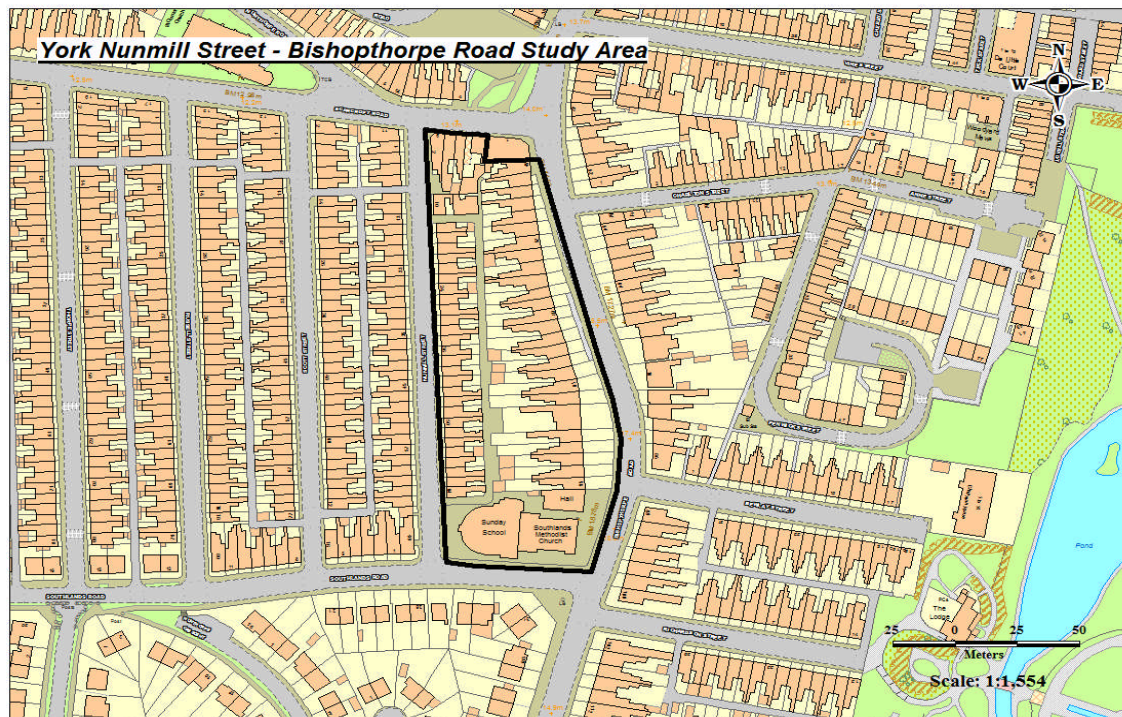
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A Table of ASB by ASB Group and then Incident Heading

EVENT_GROUP	INCIDENT_HEADING	Total
ASB	ASB Nuisance	2
	ASB Personal	2
Grand Total		4



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A Table of ASB Incidents by Month of the Year and Hour of the Day in the Study Area

Month	Total
Jan	0
Feb	0
Mar	4
Apr	0
May	0
Jun	0

Month	Total
Jul	0
Aug	0
Sep	0
Oct	0
Nov	0
Dec	0

Day	Total
Mon	1
Tue	2
Wed	1
Thu	0
Fri	0
Sat	0
Sun	0
Grand Total	4

Grand Total

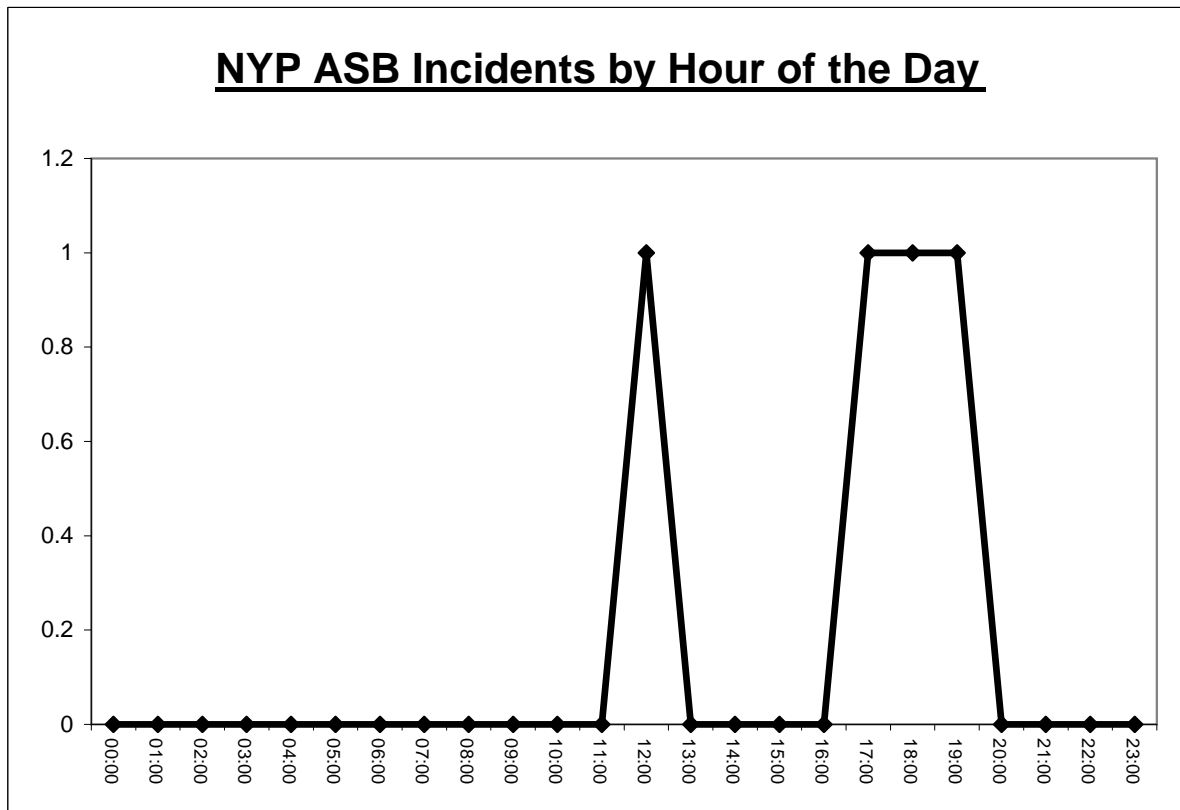
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Expected Average Incidents per Day = **0.6**

A Table of NYP ASB Incidents by Hour of the Day in the Study Area

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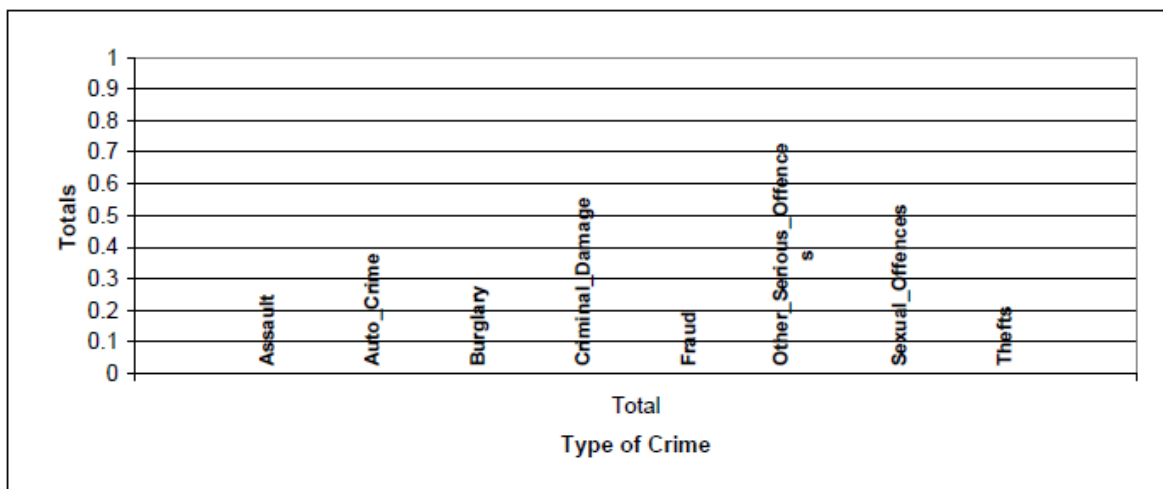


Crime Statistics

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Number of Months in Study Period	=	12
Geocoding Accuracy Rate	=	95%

Crime Group	Total
Assault	0
Auto_Crime	0
Burglary	0
Criminal_Damage	0
Fraud	0
Other_Serious_Offences	0
Sexual_Offences	0
Thefts	0
Grand Total	0

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A Table of Crime by Crime Group and then Crime Type

No Records



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Month	Total
Jan	0
Feb	0
Mar	0
Apr	0
May	0
Jun	0

Month	Total
Jul	0
Aug	0
Sep	0
Oct	0
Nov	0
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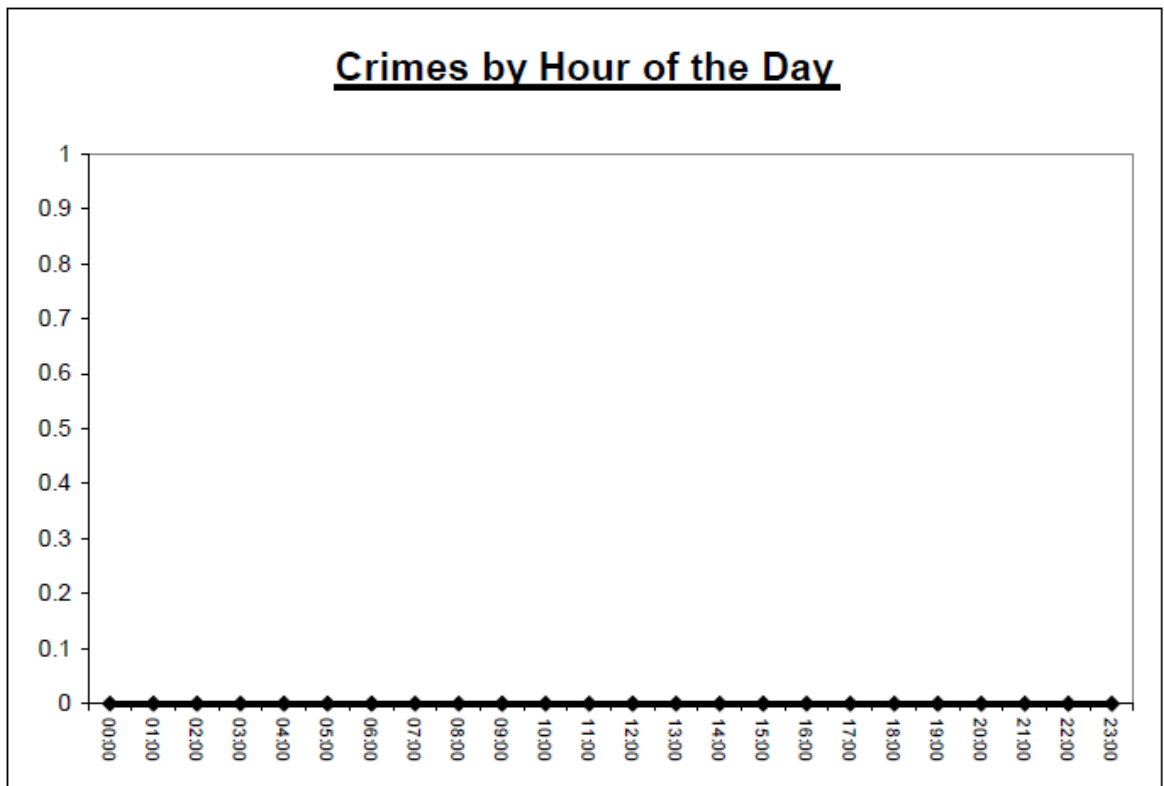
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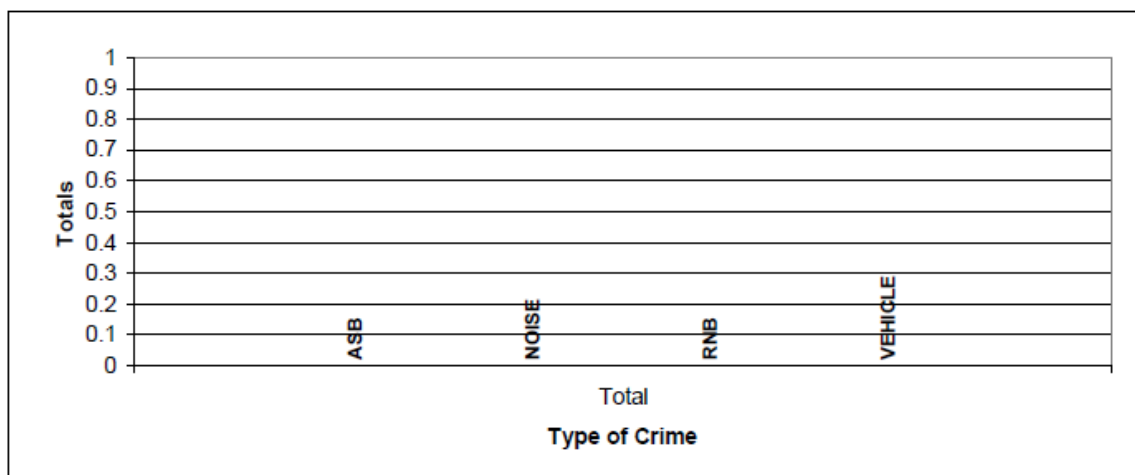


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ASB Incident Group	Total
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NOISE	0
RNB	0
VEHICLE	0
Grand Total	0

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A Table of ASB Incidents by Month of the Year and Hour of the Day in the Study Area

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Jan	0
Feb	0
Mar	0
Apr	0
May	0
Jun	0

Month	Total
Jul	0
Aug	0
Sep	0
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Grand Total	0

Grand Total

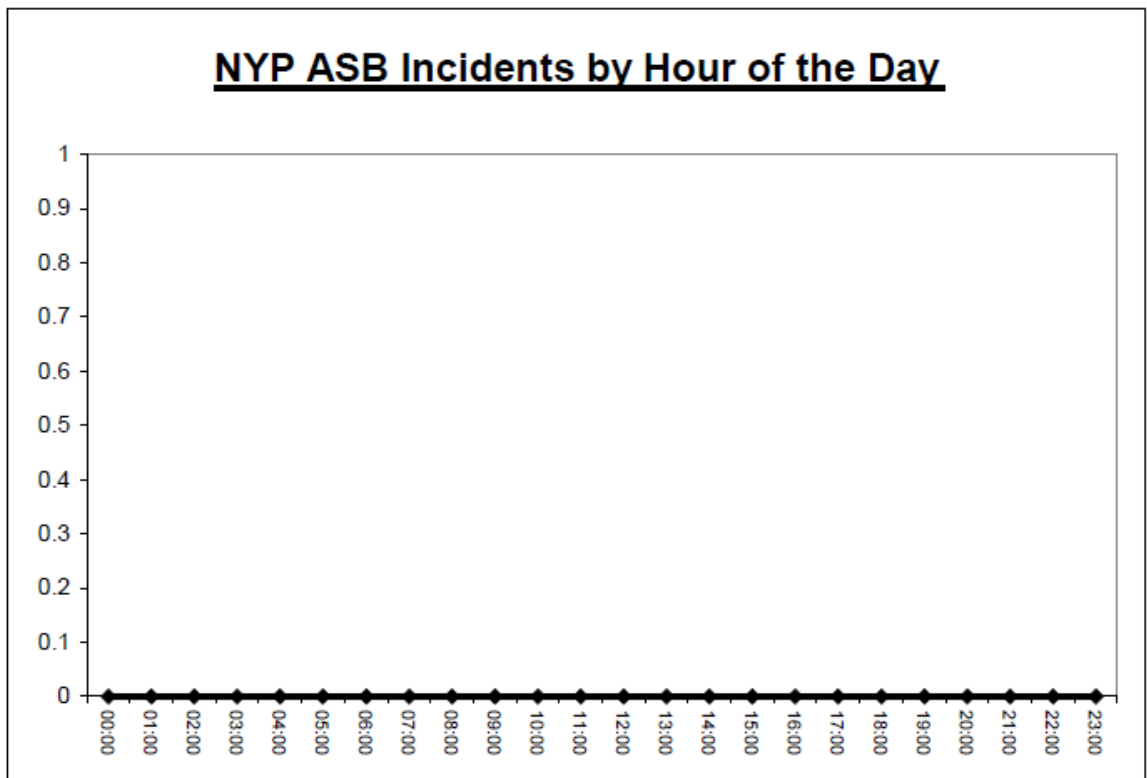
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Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Annex 7 - 1st and 2nd informal consultation for Nunmill Street / Bishopthorpe Road: Residents' comments

Nunmill Street / Bishopthorpe Road (68 properties)

1st Informal Consultation

2nd Informal Consultation

Log No.	Yes = 18	No = 10	Comments	Yes = 15	No = 7	Comments
1		1	The alleyways in this area are a quick way of getting around. They are part of the history of this area. It is difficult storing rubbish now so this would make it messy on the main street. These are public rights of way and should not be blocked. This would be an expensive exercise. It would be better to spend money on the bad roads. Hence we don't agree.		1	These open ways are part of the charm of this area. Easy access to and from the different areas. Also rubbish collected from the front would look dreadful. It is bad enough along the road for recycling. These rights of way are the history of our area. Gating everywhere would make it like a prison. I'm sure in the end will do what you want as usual.
23 & 18	1		Our back gate is currently outside the gating area although 50% of our back wall is within. We need to renew our back gate and deal with an issue with the wall. We believe that it will be better to relocate our gate to within the gating area. As a result it will mean the alley gate will go across the door wilst open. I am prepared to accept this. Before gating starts it is important myself and the council agree the exact gating location. I would prefer waste to be collected at the front in Bishopthorpe Road. Also, see email dated 26th June - met on site on 11th July to discuss.	1		
29	1		I spoke to Emily Tones today about vehicular access and, based on our conversation, am pleased to support the proposed gating. Thank you.	1		(Received 27 March 2014)
24		1	I have enclosed the copy of the proposed gate locations. The areas that I have highlighted I feel gates would be totally inappropriate for this community. The walkways/thoroughfares between streets are important as safe passageways as we constantly walk with children (with bikes and scooters and pushchairs) to and from friends houses as well as park and schools. They are also frequently used by cars and cyclists. If the residents of Scott St, Russell St, Thorpe St would like the alleyway behind their properties gated, that's fine but I consider the walkways/alleys road to road to be an important accessway. The alley behind my property..... is a busy and well used lane. Many properties have vehicles and garages but I am a small business and need access. My shopping is considerable, builders, staff, window cleaners and sometimes guests need to use my gate. Where is the security when so many people would need to know the access code?? I simply cannot carry the volume of shopping up the alley by hand, I must be able to drive up the lane. The other issue is the waste, it simply isn't practical for some residents to carry the waste to the top or bottom of the alley, block the lane and I can't imagine the properties at the bottom of the alley are gonna be too pleased with 50/60 black bags by their doors.		1	
13	1		On balance I agree with this. The back alley allows access to anyone. We've been burgled (2009) via back alley as have our next-door neighbours more recently.			
14	1		The gate at the end of Nunmill Street / Bishopthorpe Road next to the Methodist Church would be fine. However, the gate at the bottom end is being proposed to be around the corner (back of 12/14 Nunmill Street). This proposal is not such a good suggestion because being concealed from the main street will make it less secure (a burglar can climb it away from the glare of passing pedestrians). I realise that there was historical opposition to the gate from the "Stables" project building, however I now understand this is being converted to flats. Please can you look into this and see if it's possible to have a gate "on-view" like all the other gates. If it's not possible, we are still in favour of the gates because some gates will be better than none.	1		We have strong feelings in favour of the gates being installed and for the change in refuse as we do not wish to be the only alley unsecured in this area. We also feel that it is a shame that from the council letter accompanying this survey that vehicular access appears to have more significance than the number of residents in favour of the gates. This is particularly strange as access for pedestrians and cyclists was an issue for some residents on the other streets in the scheme yet this has not stopped those streets moving to formal consultation. We also do not understand why residents outside of the proposed gating area are allowed to vote on this issue - the votes of the residents at 45, 47, 49 and 51 Bishopthorpe Road should not be included in the totals. (Previous information stated out of 68 properties when only 47 properties are involved in the proposal).
19	1		(See email dated 26th June. Support gating as long as vehicle access is not impeded.)			
15	1		We are happy for the gates to be put in place ONLY providing that we can still drive around the back of our house for access. The "corners" at each end are very difficult to negotiate and so any structure may impede this access further.			
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2		1	We are opposed to the proposal to alleygate our lane. We consider it to be unnecessary expense at a time when budgets are tight.		1	My wife and I are <u>strongly opposed</u> to the proposal to "alleygate" the lane between Nunmill St and Bishopthorpe Road for the following reasons:- We require daily <u>vehicular access</u> to our garage at the rear of our property (two or more times a day). Most of the properties on Bishopthorpe Road are set back from the road with <u>many steps</u> - level access is <u>only available via the rear</u> for the disabled/infirm/young families with pushchairs - why make this access route more difficult! <u>Disabled people in cars</u> will be particularly disadvantaged. Waste of public money: No evidence has been presented to justify the expense (and no information regarding cost provided). <u>Why is this necessary?</u> What will it achieve? <u>Will it save money?</u> Waste and refuse bags:-these would need to be taken through the house to the front of the property <u>down many steps</u> then onto a footpath that is a principle route into the city centre for many residents. This makes no sense when there is a <u>perfectly functional rear lane</u> offering better access and less congestion/mess! The lane has been open for over 100 years - we are told crime rates are dropping - spend money elsewhere!
3		1	I'm not in favour of alleygating the back lane and do not like the idea of the alternative suggestion regarding the refuse collection i.e. Black sacks left out at the front of our properties or a central collection point. This could be a problem with people over filling their black sacks and rubbish spilling out on to the street. Nobody will be responsible for clearing the mess up, at least if the mess is outside their back gates they are aware of it and 9 out of 10 will be responsible people and clear it up....		1	
25		1	We do not agree with the gating order for the following reasons: - 1. the gates will prevent vehicular access to garages & parking spaces at the rear of our property & to our neighbours. This would put pressure on the already acute lack of parking spaces on Nunmill St & Bishopthorpe Rd. (our side of Bishopthorpe Rd has double yellow lines). We use our car all the time which is parked in the garage at the rear/accessible only via the alley. On the plans, the gates are positioned very close to the bends. This would not allow space to turn the corner in our opinion. They would need to be set back at least 1 car-length from each corner. 2. the imposition of wheelie bins would also block access (vehicular) at each end of the alley where they would be parked before collection. The alley has a very steep slope and is not gritted during bad weather, therefore pushing a wheelie bin to the collection points as well as retrieving it afterwards, could be difficult even for able-bodied people like ourselves. There are several elderly residents living on our street and Nunmill. Further note: We would ONLY be infavour of allygates (we like the principle) IF the gates were set much further back from each corner bend AND if the black bag collections remained (no wheelie bins).		1	We objected to the original proposal but we are now in favour for the following reasons: 1) Continuation of black bin bags. 2) Moving the position of the alleygates to allow vehicular access at both ends of the alley. We are glad the council has listened to residents' feedback and we now hope the alleygates will be put in place in the new revised positions away from the apex of each corner.
33					1	Having recently moved to this house I was not part of the original consultation. Having the alleygates is a benefit BUT, to my mind, it is outweighed by the possibility that householders would increase the amount of rubbish stored at the front of their houses. Some houses already have rather untidy collections of recycling materials at the front.
26	1		We are in agreement to the alleyway being gated providing vehicular access will remain.			
27	?	?	We have mixed views about this proposal, and have therefore not voted for or against the scheme. However, we would like to make the following comments: 1. The gates should not make it more difficult to get a vehicle round the corners in the alley, which is already awkward. 2. There should be space outside the gated area to stop a vehicle off the road while opening or closing the gates. 3. We would prefer refuse collected from the front of the properties on Bishopthorpe Rd (as with the existing recycling collections), rather than from outside the gated area at the back. Leaving rubbish outside the gates will mean a long walk for some residents, and will block either the pavement, the alley or the road.			
16	1		Our property was burgled in 2011. Following the burglary myself and [my neighbour] spoke to local residents and submitted a petition showing strong support for the alley gates. I have copies if required.		1	Please note, we are one of the 5 properties that have parking behind our property and are <u>fully</u> in favour for the alley gates. We believe they will reduce crime in the area as we were burgled via the rear of the property.

17	1	<p>Early in 2012, myself and my neighbour presented at several council meetings the alleygating proposal for Bishopthorpe Rd / Nunmill Street. We had petitioned all of the impacted households and the vast majority were in favour of the proposal. We are extremely pleased that the proposal is being tabled again, and I would be happy to actively support it in any way that I can. Please let me know if you would like a copy of the petition mentioned above.</p>	1	<p>I would like to make it clear that there are only a handful of residents who use their garages to store a vehicle in. There are only about 5 residents therefore who need to drive along the alleyway (and therefore leave their car to open and close the gates). I don't agree that this is a significant number to be used as a reason to not go ahead with the proposal, particularly as the vast majority of these car-using residents are <u>in favour</u> of the proposal. I don't understand why the decision was made not to have central refuse collection points as used by other streets. Please could you provide more information on this reasoning? As you may be aware, myself and my neighbour canvassed opinion on this subject and feeling was overwhelmingly strong <u>towards</u> the alleygate proposal. We still have a copy of this petition as does Sandy Fraser.</p>
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28	1	<p>The lane between Bishopthorpe Road and Nunmill St is very different to the nearby alleyways which you are also proposing to gate. Unlike the other proposals, it is not simply an "alleyway" that may be used by the occasional pedestrian. Instead, it is a lane or drive specifically designed to provide vehicular access to the garages and homes of a considerable number of local Bishopthorpe Road residents. As such it plays a key role in our daily lives and is used by many of us several times a day. Given the cumulative impact gating would have on the quality and, indeed, scope, of the access we currently have to our homes, I regret that we must object to this element of the total package</p> <p>1. Any proposal that reduces the width of car that can use the lane or increases the risk of damage to the car negotiating the reduced width is an unacceptable constraint on current access and on the maximum width of car that we or future freeholders can own. (The alternative is an increase in insecure, on-street parking, increasing the risk of theft, vandalism etc and much worse access.)</p> <p>A number of us have invested considerable sums to improve access with automatic doors on our garages so that we do not have to waste time and suffer the inconvenience of getting out of the car. This isn't simple laziness – as some of us get older and frailer, getting in and out of a car is an increasingly fraught and difficult procedure to be reduced to the absolute minimum! If the proposal is for a simple gate to be provided as elsewhere, then it re-introduces these access difficulties. As we understand it, the process of taking a car through the gate would be (in all weathers):- 1. Get out of car. 2. Walk to gate. 3. Enter code. 4. Open gate. 5. Walk back to and get back into car. 6. Drive through gate. 7. Get out of car and walk between the car and the wall in order to get back to gate. 8. Close gate. 9. Walk back to car, again between the wall and the car. 10. Drive on.</p> <p>Apart from the obvious time and inconvenience caused, we'd suggest that, given the space available, every opening of the car door and each getting in and out of the car may be difficult and perhaps even impossible especially for people with restricted mobility / larger frames / larger cars / less precise driving(!). This issue also applies, of course, in stages 7 and 9 when it will be necessary to squeeze between car and wall. In short, because this is not a typical "alleyway" we fear that the practicalities have not yet been fully thought through.</p> <p>2. Far from deterring vandalism etc, the proposal introduces additional risks to people and property. In trying to negotiate the above process, people will inevitably leave the engine running and the car unlocked, probably with the door as open as it can be. While the car is on the "public" side of the gate and unoccupied it will be particularly vulnerable to being stolen, particularly given the "blind" nature of the exits onto Nunmill Street. However, this risk exists on both sides of the gate as does the possibility of both planned and opportunistic raids on cars' contents. With the exception of some minor graffiti, we perceive the level of criminality associated with the back lane nowadays to be very low, not least thanks to the CCTV on Southlands Chapel. If any does occur it is, naturally, when there is no-one around. By contrast, the proposal creates the potential for crime precisely when a member of the public (the driver) is nearby, putting them at risk of assault particularly if they try to intervene or resist.</p>	1	<p>The lane between Bishopthorpe Road and Nunmill St is very different to the nearby alleyways which you are also proposing to gate. 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Far from deterring vandalism etc, the proposal introduces additional risks to people and property. In trying to negotiate the above process, people will inevitably leave the engine running and the car unlocked, probably with the door as open as it can be. While the car is on the "public" side of the gate and unoccupied it will be particularly vulnerable to being stolen, particularly given the "blind" nature of the exits onto Nunmill Street. However, this risk exists on both sides of the gate as does the possibility of both planned and opportunistic raids on cars' contents. With the exception of some minor graffiti, we perceive the level of criminality associated with the back lane nowadays to be very low, not least thanks to the CCTV on Southlands Chapel. If any does occur it is, naturally, when there is no-one around. By contrast, the proposal creates the potential for crime</p>

			<p>For what it's worth, the above process will take so long that the gate will actually be open quite long enough for someone of criminal intent to get through it.</p> <p>In the meantime, if there is a vandalism etc problem, then we would suggest that, following the precedent set by Southlands Chapel, more CCTV and some suitable "Smile you're on TV"-type signs are provided. We suspect that this may be not very different in cost to gating and may, indeed, be considerably cheaper.3. Among the reasons why our refuse is collected from the back lane rather than from the front is that, when it was proposed to change, CYC concluded that negotiating the steep steps at the front represented an unacceptable Health and Safety risk to (trained) refuse collectors. It naturally followed that it was an equally unacceptable risk for (untrained) residents to be carrying the stuff down the steps. The present arrangement also has the value of avoiding having to carry the rubbish through the house itself.</p> <p>It follows that rubbish would still have to be collected from the rear, but, if refuse collectors can't come into the lane (though we don't understand why they couldn't), where would we have to take the rubbish before they arrived? It can't be left within the lane itself as that would prevent residents driving their cars in and out.</p> <p>We believe that, if nothing-else, this consultation is deficient without the practical detail and its implications on this issue.</p>			<p>precisely when a member of the public (the driver) is nearby, putting them at risk of assault particularly if they try to intervene or resist. Further, the process to get through the gate will take so long that the gate will actually be open quite long enough for someone of criminal intent to get through it. In the meantime, if there is a vandalism etc problem, then we would suggest that, following the precedent set by Southlands Chapel, more CCTV and some suitable "Smile you're on TV"-type signs are provided. We suspect that this may be not very different in cost to gating and may, indeed, be considerably cheaper. 3. Refuse collection.</p> <p>We note the consultation statement that collection would move from the rear to the front of our homes in Bishopthorpe Road. However, among the reasons why our refuse is collected from the back lane rather than from the front is that, when it was proposed to change, CYC concluded that negotiating the steep steps at the front represented an unacceptable Health and Safety risk to (trained) refuse collectors. It naturally followed that it was an equally unacceptable risk for (untrained) residents to be carrying the stuff down the steps and as a result the collection remained at the rear. The current proposal should therefore be rejected on the same health and safety grounds alone, though it may also be noted that the disproportionate impact this would have on the mobility-impaired again falls foul of the need to maintain and enhance their quality of access. We therefore believe that, given all the above and on the balance of advantage and disadvantage to local residents (the disadvantage, to some, being potentially very considerable), the specific proposal to gate the way between Bishopthorpe Road and Nunmill Street should be rejected. It is a very particular case and rejecting its gating need not invalidate gating other back-lanes in the area. Finally, we welcome CYC's recognition in the consultation letter that "strong support from residents is essential for a gating scheme to be successful".</p>
20	1		<p>1. The proposed gate is directly at the back of my property. I would not want the gate to have any negative effect on my walls, eg the gate fixings would not be attached to my wall. 2. I am concerned about household waste - I would definitely NOT want the collection point to be at the side of my property - 12 Nunmill Street. THIS WOULD CAUSE MY STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE ALLEYWAY BEING GATED. As well as the obvious smell, unsightliness of lots of waste bags it would cause increased noise at collection time. Also, the access to my yard is from this side alley. If refuse collection is from the front of properties I would agree to the alleyway being gated. This would be more fair I think.</p>			
21		1	<p>Don't want to carry rubbish through the house - that's why the back gates were designed like that. No proof that they will reduce an (already very low) crime rate. Would prefer to see the money spent in ways more beneficial to the local community.</p>			
4	1					
30		1	<p>I strongly disagree with the proposed alleygating. I believe it will change the feel of living here. On a practical level it means difficulty for bicycle & car users, bringing rubbish to a collection point could prove difficult for some. I use the alley almost daily. It means I check it & let neighbours know if I see things that need attention. i have spoken with my landlord who also does not agree with the proposal.</p>			
5	1		<p>I think it is a very good idea</p>			
32					1	

6	1			1	I <u>strongly</u> agree with the gating proposals as in the recent past I have been a victim of burglary where access was gained to my property via the back alleyway. Having gates installed to minimise access to the alley would certainly detur thieves & help to lower crime rates.
7	1		Absolutely brilliant. Hope most agree to the scheme.	1	Absolutely! If all the remaining alleys are gated, any problems will automatically end up in the alley Nunmill St / Bish. Road! <u>NOT</u> many houses on Bish. Rd use the alley as vehicular access. Hope our insurance will <u>NOT</u> rise due to vulnerability. I understand most people will <u>not</u> want to take refuse to the front - but we do it for recycling - what's the difference?
8	1		I'm all in favour of the gates, but I don't like the refuse collecting scheme. If the Council are still going to be able to use the lane, why can't they collect the rubbish as usual? After all I have seen it done for 45 years. It doesn't take a man long to throw the bags in a large wheelie bin to take up or down the lane to be picked up. It takes him 2 trips down and 2 trips up and takes a matter of 5 minutes. This is my only objection, as for the gates it's a brilliant idea. If I were you I would send out a voting slip to each resident and ask them to tick whether they want rubbish pick up or gates. It has to be one or the other this will give you the answer. Unless collections can carry on with the gates being put up. (The facts I've given you are correct as I've watched and timed the collection process.)	1	I have been in this house 45 years and agree this is the BEST thing that could happen. As lots of people use our back lane for whatever reason. So please get it done. Thank you.
34				1	
9	1		I'm very pleased about this proposal. We occassionally suffer "spikes" in burglaries in this area so this should help reduce the risk in future. Thank you.	1	
10		1		1	On numerous occasions, youths have congregated in the Nunmill/Bishopthorpe alleyway. They gather at the rear of 50-52 Nunmill St where they can hide from view. This is often late at night and drink (alcohol) is certainly involved. There have been acts of vandalism (graffiti). As a property owner with a young family I do feel vulnerable from the rear of our property. The introduction of gates would certainly act as a deterrent. The argument that gates will be left open is very weak. If they can get out of their car to open the gate then they should be able to close it. I am assuming that they get their cars out of their own garages! I agree that gates would give security. I want the gates, however do not want people leaving lots of rubbish bags at the front of their houses - think rented houses may do this more. Would rather bin bags to be stored in sheds at the back then having to carry them to the front at the agreed times for collection. I am for this proposal however I would not want the big green & black bins to be provided as this would totally spoil the look of these streets as some may leave them at the front.
22		1	Do not wish to be enclosed at either end of Nunmill Street. Furthermore, perplexed by reasons for gating the street as there have been no recent issues around anti-social behaviour. If indeed behaviour such as above re-occurs then the issue of PERPETRATORS should be addressed and NOT the victims freedom to be free in their own homes!! If burglars/thieves are desperate enough to enter a premises, they will do so regardless of gates!!		
11	1			1	We believe that either all the alleyways should be gated or none. The original survey we believed set out these two options. Subsequently the outcome was to gate most alleyways but not Nunmill Street. If this happens, with only Nunmill Street left ungated, then it is likely to leave Nunmill Street a target for break-ins. We do not understand the observation that those with garages will not have access because "of the difficulty some may have getting in and out of their vehicles". This does not seem to be a reasonable objection.
12 - same address, different people / votes	1				

						1	I think it best to have the back lane ungated due to the reasons put forward regarding freer residents access to what is quite a well used route to the rear of our properties. I remain in general pro alley gates. Having recently moved here from East Mount Road (South Side) where gating helped to reduce anti-social use. I have also discussed the Nunmill/Bishopthorpe situation with Sandy Fraser who put me in the picture with the council's decision. Other than having twenty-four hour manned look-out posts with guard dogs floodlights etc. (somewhat expensive) we residents can only hope not to be too troubled by miss-use of back lane. With thanks.
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Annex 8: Summary of Legislative Requirements and Home Office Guidance for proposed Gating Orders

1. Section 129A of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended) by the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (CNE) allows local authorities to make Gating Orders to restrict public access over any relevant highway (as defined by S129A(5)) to reduce and prevent crime and anti-social behaviour. In order that a highway can be considered for a Gating Order, it must be demonstrated that it meets all of the following legislative requirements:
 - a) Premises adjoining or adjacent to the highway are affected by crime or anti-social behaviour;
 - b) The existence of the highway is facilitating the persistent commission of criminal offences or anti-social behaviour; and
 - c) It is in all circumstances expedient to make the order for the purposes of reducing crime or anti-social behaviour. This means that the following has to be considered:
 - (i) The likely effect of making the order on the occupiers of premises adjoining or adjacent to the highway;
 - (ii) The likely effect of making the order on other persons in the locality; and
 - (iii) In a case where the highway constitutes a through route, the availability of a reasonably convenient alternative route.
2. Home Office Guidance 2006 suggests that the council should give consideration as to whether there are alternative interventions that may be more appropriate to combat crime and anti-social behaviour before considering the use of a Gating Order. Alternative methods of crime prevention carried out in this area of Micklegate to date are patrolling, offender-based operations and police and media campaigns to raise awareness about securing premises. These include the Operation Joypad and Light-up Lock-up campaigns.

3. Although a Gating Order restricts public use over a route, its highway status is retained, thus making it possible to revoke or review the need for the Order. Home Office Guidance 2006 recommends that this review be carried out on an annual basis.
4. Access along a route which is restricted by a Gating Order is given to residents adjacent to or adjoining the restricted route (HA1980 S129B (3)) and anyone who has a private right of access over it (Gating Orders can only be made to restrict Public Rights of Way).
5. Any person may apply to the High Court for the purpose of questioning the validity of a Gating Order on the ground that-
 - (i) the Council had no power to make it; or
 - (ii) any requirement under the legislation was not complied with in relation to it.

An application under this section must be made within a period of six weeks beginning with the date on which the gating order is made.

Annex 9 - Response from Residents (4 alleyways between Millfield Road and Nunmill Street)

Millfield Road / Thorpe Street

89 properties (41 replies received)

35 Yes to gating

6 No to gating

33 Yes to waste

8 No to waste

Colour Key

Support both gates & changes in waste collection

Supportive of gates but unhappy about change in waste collection or would like gates in different position

Object to gates & changes in waste collection

Log No.	Owner (O) or Tenant (T)	Alleygating?		Refuse?		Comments
		Yes	No	Yes	No	
17	O	1		1		
18	O	1		1		
7	O	1		1		
8	O	1		1		Fantastic initiative, please implement ASAP.
9	O	1		1		I welcome the proposal and hope it will be done as soon as possible.
41	O	1		1		
20	O	1		1		Just wish to express the fact that I think it is not appropriate to include the issue of refuse collection alongside the gate issue. It's clearly designed to put people off agreeing to the gate. That's why I think this consultation is a farce.
10	O	1		1		
11	O	1		1		
12	O	1		1		
21	O	1		1		Occasionally vehicles need access to the alley - will the gates restrict this? Will there still be enough space (width) at the entrance to the alley to drive a vehicle into it?
14	O	1		1		
15	O	1		1		We fully support the scheme. Will the alleyway still be subject to regular cleaning by the council?
22	O	1		1		
16	O	1		1		
23	T	1		1		
24	O	1		1		I fully agree & support gating of said alleyway. Long overdue.
25	O	1		1		
26	O	1		1		Alleygating would make the area more secure.
28	O	1		1		
29	O	1		1		
30	T	1		1		We recently had our house broken into via the rear of the property. Our house was not the only one in our street. I feel these new gates will increase the safety and also make it another safety/security deterrent to prevent this happening again.
33	O	1		1		
34	O	1		1		

35	O	1	1	1	There is considerable subsidence caused by the installation of lighting in the alleyway between Millfield Road and Thorpe Street and the subsequent heavy refuse collection vehicles. This should be rectified as a matter of urgency.
36	O	1	1	1	
37	O	1	1	1	Great idea!
40		1	1	1	(No address given)
19	O	1	1	1	Having observed the poor maintenance of other gated alleyways (Scarcroft Hill), I would be more comfortable with a regular maintenance programme of the alleyway rather than it being done on a reactionary basis. Due to the lack of provision of wheely bins by the council, I would prefer NOT to have to lift wet and soiled binbags through the house for collection at the front.
4	O	1	1	1	I prefer putting rubbish in alley; could we have someone unlock the gate early on collection day rather than put rubbish at front? Or wheely bins in a subtle colour? (grey)
6	O	1	1	1	We support the alleygating scheme to prevent problems with graffiti, back alley drinking & flytipping. Re waste collection we would favour being able to leave refuse for collection outside the gates rather than having to bring it through the house to block up the pavement at the front, if possible.
13	O	1	1	1	We would strongly object to having to carry waste to the end of the road for collection and assume it will only have to be placed outside our house. That is the basis on which we have offered support to the proposed scheme.
39	O	1	1	1	The position of the gate should be at the very top end of the "back lane" next to 17 Southlands & 18. The top of this lane is a bad congregation point for teenagers. This will prevent this anti-social behaviour. Thankyou. (No.18 has had graffiti on wall).
27	O	1	1	1	Regarding the collection of refuse I am a pensioner.
31	O	1	1	1	I very much agree with the alleygating between Millfield Road & Thorpe Street as both my neighbours on either side have had their properties broken into & items stolen from their back yards. My only concern is that people will store bags of refuse at the front of their properties rather than carry it through the house in bad weather/winter. I'm also not sure how people will feel about carrying bags to central refuse point. Apart from these concerns I'm very much in favour of alleygating.
1	T		1	1	As a cyclist, it would be inconvenient to have to dismount to unlock the gates. Living in the centre of the road, it would be inconvenient to have to possibly carry our household waste to an agreed central collection point at the end of the alley, since there are 6 tenants in the house and we produce a lot of rubbish. We don't think that there is a problem with criminal and/or anti-social behaviour in the area.
3	O		1	1	This would feel like a gated community; our neighbourhood watch is good and even though there have been incidences of burglary they are few and can be tackled with alarm systems if necessary without closing ourselves in. I am strongly against them.
32	O		1	1	I am now in my 70s and have been using the back lanes of Scarcroft since I was old enough to walk. Despite having been burgled, I do NOT want to live in a gated community. I find the notion abhorrent in general, but in particular I object very strongly to the suggestion that dustbins - or black bags - would have to be kept in front of the premises. The forecourts are so small, they would be swamped by foul-smelling garbage. And I could NOT manage to carry bags to a point beyond gates. Would it not be cheaper/simpler to give contributions to anyone who wants a burglar alarm? I hope these proposals fail.

2	O		1		1	I feel such a scheme restricts freedom in a lovely area with a great community. When living in the Clifton area of York we had gates and yet had a burglary. They just presented a constant hassle when moving around with bikes etc. but saw no evidence of them reducing crime. Are they really necessary in a safe area like this? Surely the council's money could be better spent e.g. improving the roads.
5	O		1		1	I do not agree with this proposal. It will make bin collection harder than the switch to fortnightly collections has already made it. I see no justification for spending scarce council resources on a scheme that has no benefits. I have seen no detailed plans in order to establish what size of vehicles will be permitted through these gates. I assume that if refuse collection lorries cannot pass the gates to collect refuse then fire engines will be unable to pass. Don't waste my money on this scheme. If you must spend, then find more deserving projects.
38	O		1		1	We believe that gating is not the answer to anti-social behaviour and is likely to lead to a more divided society rather than a community working together.

Thorpe Street / Russell Street

86 properties (50 replies received inc. 2
from 1 property, counted as 1 for

Yes/No figures)

35 Yes to gating

14 No to gating

35 Yes to waste

14 No to waste

Colour Key

2 replies from 1 property

Support both gates & changes in waste collection

Supportive of gates but unhappy about change in waste collection or would like gates in different position

Object to gates & changes in waste collection

Log No.	Owner (O) or Tenant (T)	Alleygating?		Refuse?		Comments
		Yes	No	Yes	No	
37	O	1		1		Although the loss of public access is a pity, I realise that alleygating may be necessary to prevent crime in the area.
38	O	1		1		We think the installation of alleygates would be very worthwhile for the security of the whole area. Lately, we have seen vans driving down the back lane with people stood on the van roofs looking into peoples backyards. That kind of activity, which is unnerving especially for elderly people, would obviously be stopped by alleygates. Any measure that increases the safety and security of local residents has got to be a good thing.
46	O	1		1		Although it looks as if my house won't be included in the gating scheme as it is at the end of the backlane, I think that it is important in increasing security for others on my street. I've also had a fair bit of concern about the refuse trucks backing down the lane - they have caused quite a lot of subsidence towards the bottom end of the lane & as the household sewers run into the main sewer that runs down the middle of the lane, I expect it is likely that these have been damaged. Alternative refuse collection arrangements will be no problem at all.
11	O	1		1		We FULLY support this proposal to restrict public access to the alley behind our house.
30	O		1		1	
31	O	1		1		
32	O	1		1		
33	O	1		1		
26	O		1		1	
35	O	1		1		
36	T	1		1		
39	O?	1		1		
40	O	1		1		
41	O	1		1		
42	O	1		1		
43	O	1		1		What about window cleaners?
45	T	1		1		
47	O	1		1		
48	T	1		1		We live at the top so I am not inconvenienced. I will go along with what the neighbours want.

7	O	1		1		
8	O	1		1		
9	O	1		1		
2	T	1		1		
14	O	1		1		
15	O	1		1		
16	O	1		1		
17	O	1		1		
21	O	1		1		
22	O	1		1		
23	T?	1		1		
18	O	1		1		
28	O	1		1		
34	O	1		1		Whilst in agreement in principle, there is no mention of costings to the taxpayer of York. This should be the start point of any consultation.
27	O	1		1		However, as we live next to the alleyway we do not want everyone to leave their rubbish next to our house. We are concerned that people will leave their rubbish next to our house for collection which isn't acceptable.
44	O	1		1		I would be interested to hear what is proposed regarding alternative refuse collection asap please.
50	O			1	1	I am unhappy about the proposed changes to the collection of refuse and household waste by the council. I do not like the idea of everyone's rubbish bags and recycling piling up right next to my home in front of the alleygate. This might attract vermin and pests especially as refuse and recycling are only currently collected once a fortnight. This is the only objection I have to the alleygating plan.
49	O			?	?	Central refuse collection points could lead to nuisance and impaired access because of premature deposition of refuse sacks.
4	O	1		1		My property joins the alleyway & in consultation with my neighbour we suggest that the gates are repositioned. On the current proposal we believe the gates are too far back to prevent some of the anti-social, usually alcohol fuelled behaviour we experience on weekends but particularly race evenings. On the current plan the gates are at the back of the houses where the yards start but we suggest setting them a metre or so back from the front walls of the houses, this would prevent any sense of "privacy" felt by those who choose to use the alley as a toilet or for other purposes. It would also mean the garden walls couldn't be used to climb over the gates as they would be too far back but cars would still be able to use the entrance to turn. If gating goes ahead I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the position of the gates on site.

5	O	1	1	1	<p>We agree to gate the alleyway between Thorpe Street & Russell Street as this addresses security issues which we have been aware of and experienced in the last 8 years that we have lived here, however we have objections to the current proposal for the following reasons: 1. Location of the alley gate - Being one of the houses for which the alley gate will be adjacent, we request that the gate is located closer to the front of the house rather than the current proposal of being set back. Although we understand this has been proposed to minimise noise, we feel that being set back will create a dead end that will continue to attract loitering, litter and race goer urinating and will still give access to household cables which we experienced were recently pulled off the wall by racegoers. However the brought forward positioning needs to take into account that the front walls/railings cannot be used as a way to climb over the gate, and also that climbing the gates themselves cannot be used to gain access to upstairs windows. 2. Refuse Collection - We agree to refuse collections from the front of the property. We do not agree to a central collection point and do not think this is a viable option as this will attract vermin for those properties next to the central collection point. Also, our experience is that people put out their refuse on the wrong day and that bags break and spill refuse that would be left next to the properties near the collection point. There is also a potential situation that older, disabled or other residents living far from the collection point may not be physically able to take their refuse to the collection point. Also if the collection point is in front of the alleygate, this will create an obstruction to access through the gate. We feel that each household should be able to treat their refuse collection as they currently do with their recycling collection. 3. Gate Maintenance - As the gate will be adjacent to our property we are keen to understand how the gate will be maintained and what style of gate can be used to minimise noise.</p>
6	O		1	1	<p>Although I agree with gating in principle, I think that it will be too hard to police it. If each household is given the gate's PIN number that means to start with at least 100-150 people will know the PIN number. This PIN number will be passed onto any tradesmen, i.e. window cleaners, builders etc before long too many people will know the PIN and in my view the security of the PIN will too easily be compromised.</p>
1	T		1	1	<p>I feel secure in my property. I enjoy the ease of access to the back alleys.</p>
10	O		1	1	<p>I feel if we get gated the lane will not be cleaned.</p>
29	O		1	1	<p>I disagree with the concept especially if this will mean changes to the refuse collection. We do not have wheely bins & to have to carry rubbish to the end of the gated area would both be problematic & cause more litter problems with the splitting of bags, leading to vermin & pests. I have elderly neighbours to either side & believe it would be worse for them. I use my bike every day & having to go through another gate would be awkward. I believe that the gate would make the area seem more of a crime spot than it actually is. I have only ever seen these is high crime areas & they are not attractive. I also believe that the gate at the north end of the street is positioned in the wrong place. This is used as a cut through for pedestrians & bikers avoiding the busy main road. I would suggest it is better to have a north facing gate as opposed to two east and west facing gates. In times of reducing budgets I believe money could be spent better elsewhere, maybe on wheely bins! Sorry I'm not usually such a complaining neighbour.</p>

12	O		1	1	My objection to this proposal of alleygating is practicality of usage in all weathers, all year round, and the fact Millthorpe School is so close by - a concern would also be that the access code could easily be obtained, making gating slightly pointless. Regarding safety from break-ins etc, yes, burglary does exist but Thorpe Street / Russell Street - a crime hotspot in York??? Obviously these are my own personal views/opinions and understand there will be a vast difference of opinions too, so interested to see how the views of other residents on the proposal. I just think the money could be put to better use eg roads/markings/paving etc, and would/could probably make easy alternative arrangements not to use anyway!!
13	T		1	?	We believe the gates to be a complete waste of money at a time when council funding and cuts are under review and when council tax has just been increased. We are unhappy with proposed changes to refuse collections we feel the current set up works well. We completely question the purpose of these gates as the alleygates in other parts of the city which we presume will be installed here provide minimal security. They are low enough to climb and can in fact be forced open with a screw driver.
19	T		1	1	I see no benefit in enclosing the alley, other than for children to safely play, but it is not used in that way now, so I doubt it would be. The fact nothing can be stored there would imply that it could not be made into a pleasant patio garden area like in many ?. The gating would be a nuisance when on a bicycle & I have not seen a positive reason from you for this proposal.
20	O		1	1	Rubbish collection would be problematic.
3	O		1	1	I think gates would make the area feel LESS safe. It is a bad reflection on society and a real shame. It would take me a lot longer to get to work - using my bike out back. Rubbish would be a massive problem. An expense that it NOT needed.
24	O		1	1	A change in waste collection would be a major nause!! This is NOT a narrow, person only access. It is a wide, open access road used not only by the council dust carts, but by tradesmen working on properties. There is clear line of sight down to the very end, so security is less of a problem for the properties. I am strongly against access gates - it should remain open as a service road - the purpose it was built for. I certainly do NOT want to lug garbage out to the front of my house. In sum, leave it be. It is a SERVICE LANE for the houses. Putting up gates would just create problems and any security gain would be minimal.
25	O		1	1	I would wish to know the details for collection of rubbish should the alleys be gated. It is NOT acceptable for rubbish to be left at the front of the house or to be stored at the front of the house. This is both a health/environmental issue and very unsightly.

Russell Street / Scott Street

89 properties (44 replies received)

33 Yes to gating 10 No to gating

29 Yes to waste 12 No to waste
(reply log no.16 did not say either way)

Colour Key

Support both gates & changes in waste collection

Supportive of gates but unhappy about change in waste collection or would like gates in different position

Object to gates & changes in waste collection

Log No.	Owner (O) or Tenant (T)	Alleygating?		Refuse?		Comments
		Yes	No	Yes	No	
11	T	1		1		After being victims of a burglary in March, we would strongly support the Alleygating scheme. It would be a great deterrent and have a positive effect on crime in the area.
8	O	1		1		Myself & my housemates think the scheme is a very good idea and we are pleased that the council is taking measures to try to reduce crime in the area.
4	?	1		?		
5	O	1		1		
6	O	1		1		
7	O	1		1		
9	?	1		1		
10	O	1		1		
15	O	1		1		Great proposal as may stop the graffiti which is sprayed on back gates and make area more secure.
37	O	1		1		
36	O	1		1		
39	O	1		1		
38	O	1		1		
22	T	1		1		
41	O	1		1		
27	O	1		1		
29	O	1		1		
31	O	1		1		
33	O	1		1		
34	O	1		1		
21	O	1		1		
42	O	1		1		
28	O	1		1		Please make the bar-spacing easy for cats to go through. Also - an easy lock - will it be punch numbers? I use the alleyways a lot as short cuts so am sad that this facility will go. But I can see from a security view point it would make the streets safer. Thanks you.
44	O	1		1		
24	O	1		1		
25	O	1		1		

2	O	1		1	We agree to the proposed Gating Order. My mother and I have lived all our lives at Russell St. Fortunately for use we have never been burgled but have suffered an arsen attack on the property a few years ago. The Gating Order is a fabulous idea especially this year many properties in Scott and Russell St have been burgled all gaining entry from the back lane area. Also it would stop late night revellers cutting through kicking beer cans and making a disturbance (noise). In winter we very rarely use the back as it's very dark and quite scary if you're a female especially I always feel I have to check behind me all the time. Thank you for the proposed Gating Order, I'm sure many of us will rest and sleep more easily knowing that nobody can gain access to properties illegally, only residents, house owners and of course refuse collectors.
14	?	1		1?	Generally speaking, I would support this proposal but I do have one concern - refuse collection. If rubbish is no longer collected from the back alley, are the Council proposing a multi-wheelie bins solution via the front of our properties? These ghastly bins would completely undermine the appearance of the street and would I suspect cause residents to vote against erecting security gates.
26	O	1		1	Agree with the principle of gating, but want to raise concern about refuse collection - I would be happy to take refuse to a collection point outside the gates at the end of the alley but NOT to collect from the front of the property. Refuse that has been in an outside bin for 2 weeks is wet and smelly and particularly in bad weather having to carry this the length of your property inside results in mess and damage and is VERY unpleasant. Trying to carry/drag the bag results in marks on the narrow hall walls and your clothes and damage to floor coverings. Also, refuse left in front of houses will be unsightly and more prone to disturbance from passers-by and cars.
19	O	1		1	Please see suggestion on plan for alternative siting of gates at corner of 7 Scott Street & 7 Russell Street. Two gates could leave the cut through open but limit access. Anti-social behaviour is a problem at back of 7-2 Scott Street.
20	O	1		1	We would like more information on: A - the position of the gates; B - more detail of how refuse would be collected.
30	T		1	1	I am not aware of any particular problems in the area. Would only support it if crime rates support the need for them. Otherwise money could be best spent on essential services.
40	O	1		1	We are in full agreement of this scheme as long as it includes the back access to our premises We have had several instances of vandalism and an attempted burglary at/through this access and would want it further protected by this gating. We hope this can be taken into consideration when installing these gates.
43	T	1		1	I would not be comfortable carrying my household rubbish through my house from back to front for a collection. As this is only collected bi-weekly & in the summer maggots do fester in the rubbish. Maybe a community bin in the alley would be an idea. I agree that the gates will increase security but I would not appreciate this to cause any increase in my council tax bill as this is high already and with the extra cost of having to pay the council to park outside of my rented property I only agree to the gates if costs remain low.
3	O		1	1	Alleygating instills fear and mistrust of others when incidents of crime are relatively rare. The alleys are public rights of way and the more people use them, the safer they remain/become. Council efforts should be directed to ensuring dog mess is cleared up and refuse sacks are not dumped in the alleys, rather than the "criminals" the gates are intended to exclude.

12	T		1		1	I do not want to be shut in my own alleyway. If intruders want to get in they will jump over gate or through a front door I have lived round here all my life and do not want gates up. I have seen the gate in Millfield Road open all the time and we have lots of students round here changing houses all the time so everone will know the number LEAVE IT HOW IT IS PLEASE.
13	?		1		1	I wish to register my objection to the proposal to gate the alley at the back of my house. I would be interested to know the number of incidents of anti-social or criminal behaviour occurring in the alleyway in the last 12 months. I do not claim to have a comprehensive knowledge, but I am not aware of any incidents at all. The alleyway is not a busy thoroughfare. It is not a hotbed of crime or asb. It is just an alleyway; it is fine as it is. I currently store full refuse sacks in a bin in my back yard; I then take the sacks through my back gate into the alley for collection, once a fortnight. If this were proposed, the only solution for me would be to store all full refuse sacks at the front of my house over 14 days. I do not relish this prospect. Neither would I accept a proposal to carry my refuse sacks up the alleyway to a communal collection point; this is just asking for a trail of garbage as bags split at various points on the journey. Please do not proceed with this unnecessary (and bonkers) proposal.

	O		1	1	<p>1. The carriageways marked on the maps supplied are not pedestrian alleyways but are carriageways available as rights of way for the use of vehicular traffic and as such are used on a regular and frequent basis. This should be taken into account and those rights of way should be preserved. 2. The concept of requiring a driver to stop and open then close a gate to use these carriageways is unacceptable and represents an unnecessary hindrance to the right of way. This is particularly intolerable for the carriageway joining Scott Street & Nunmill Street which I use on a frequent and regular basis. I realise that an alternative route is available via Scarcroft Road but often need the use of the carriageway joining Scott Street and Nunmill Street when vehicles are waiting at the end of Scott Street to use Scarcroft Road. 3. The implementation of the scheme takes the basic assumption that if you are not resident of the street in question then you have no business using the carriageway between houses those streets. This is a false assumption and a fundamental flaw in this particular scheme. In particular the carriageway joining streets are not private access areas solely used by the inhabitants of those streets, they are busy rights of way used by the community as a whole. As mentioned in Comment 1 above, I regularly and frequently use the carriageway joining Scott Street & Nunmill Street as a pedestrian, cyclist and driver. As a resident on the opposite side of the road from this carriageway..... I assume that would not be given access to this route which I currently use. Even if I were given the PIN, I currently have the free and unhindered access to this right of way without the need to open a gate, I wish this to remain. A gate would be wholly inappropriate at this location and on this carriageway at any location. 4. I require pedestrian access to visit a friend who lives on Bishopthorpe Road and make use of the carriageway joining Scott Street and Nunmill Street and then the carriageway between Bishopthorpe Road and Nunmill Street. I realise that an alternative route is available via Scarcroft Road and Bishopthorpe Road but this would more than double the distance of this journey which I make on a regular and very frequent basis. I currently have unhindered access for the existing right of way and wish this to remain. 5. I require free and unhindered vehicular access to the rear of a friend's guest house [on Bishopthorpe Road] to help with deliveries. The carriageway between Bishopthorpe Road and Nunmill Street is very narrow indeed. The positioning of the gate on this carriageway would necessarily narrow the carriageway. No narrowing of the carriageway would be acceptable as there is currently only just enough room for a vehicle to negotiate the corners at the ends of the carriageways and the gates are positioned at these corners as illustrated in the supplied map. This would prevent absolutely free access to this right of way by motor vehicles. The alternative would involve leaving a vehicle on double yellow lines on the very busy approach to the traffic signals on the corner of Bishopthorpe Road and Scarcroft Road whilst deliveries are carried into the house and through the house to the rear. This would cause an obstruction to Bishopthorpe Road and introduce a systematic hindrance to the operation of this business. In summary, free and unhindered access for the use of these rights of way is fundamental to the nature of these streets where I have chosen to make my home. There may be benefits but they are considerably outweighed by the disadvantages. To change the nature of our community in such a way is unacceptable, I therefore reject all changes requested to the fullest extent possible by this consultation.</p>
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18	O		1	?		It would be useful to have figures of how much would be spent in "Alleygating" these streets, so that this amount could be measured against the cost of, for instance, employing a community police officer (part-time/full-time) extending the duties of a parking warden to cover "policing" alleyways; better recycling facilities etc. Local people need to know costs! I don't like the idea of "alleygating" as it seems to bring with it the dual conflicts of planting fear in peoples' minds about the area they live in (are we vulnerable etc) takes away community responsibility / looking after one's neighbour and the idea that our homes must become fortresses!
17	O		1		1	Why not only do gate the end of the back alleys and not the through alleys saving on gate cost. I do not wish to bring 2 week old bags through my house if you do 1 week collection I may be interested also I presume if we have to take it all the way to the bottom of the alley there will be reduction in council tax for doing it OURSELVES.
32	O		1		1	Rubbish will severely restrict access to the rear of properties if put out in the entrances. It is impractical to put it out to the front of properties as it obscure footpaths etc. The nature of the area will be affected to the detriment of all.
35	O		1		1	I think gates would spoil the feel of the Scarcroft estate. If security is a concern I believe CCTV would be more beneficial.
1	O		1		1	
16	?	?	?	?	?	(no indication on sheet of preference or comment made)

Scott Street / Nunmill Street

79 properties (43 replies received inc. 2
from 1 property, counted as 1 for
Yes/No figures)

34 Yes to gating

8 No to gating

31 Yes to waste

9 No to waste

Colour Key

2 replies from 1 property

Support both gates & changes in waste collection

Supportive of gates but unhappy about change in waste collection or would like gates in different position

Object to gates & changes in waste collection

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		Yes	No	Yes	No	
19	O	1		1		
22	O	1		1		
23	T	1		1		
29	O	1		1		
31	?	1		1		Will there be a key / key-code for the lock given to all occupiers of the affected properties? Will we be given instructions of waste collection? Will vehicles be able to get through the gate still?
32	O	1		1		
33	O	1		1		
34	O	1		1		
35	O	1		1		
36	O	1		1		
38	O	1		1		
20	T	1		1		Alley gates would stop cars cutting through from Nunmill Street to Scott Street sometimes at quite a speed. This could be dangerous if we happened to open our back gate as it opens out onto the alley. Stop people urinating in the alley. Stop people getting into backyards. Would make it feel a safer area. Stop youths congregating, leaving rubbish. PLEASE NOTE: Some of the problems I have listed will probably not affect people living further up the street so they may feel differently and vote against the alleygates. Please take into consideration of the fact that we live with the alley running alongside of our house.
21	O	1		1		
42	O	1		1		A great idea!
4	O	1		1		PLEASE PROCEED ASAP. Regularly find alcohol/cider cans & bottles outside the back gate. There are often people hanging around the alley late at night. We would be very keen to see gates ASAP. Thanks.
8	O	1		1		
1	O	1		1		
9	O	1		1		

10	O	1	1		We would be delighted if you gated our back alley. However, why would we not be able to store things there? A community space / garden with the odd bench / plant pot would be lovely.
12	O	1	1		
2	O	1	1		My alleyway is one of the narrow ones and is often filled with rubbish and is not easy to be cleaned. I really would welcome the gating and the restriction this would effect.
13	T	1	1		
14	O	1	1		
15	O	1	1		
17	O	1	1		
18	O	1	1		At the moment residents continue to put black sacks out in the alley with total disregard for the correct day, as my house will be right next to the gate I have a slight concern they may continue to do this but out at the front by the alleygate. I hope the council will continue to be as responsive as they have been in removing these promptly whenever I have rung in. I am assuming we will still be able to continue using black sacks. If these are put out in front of residents houses the work of the bin men will be much easier as they will be able to pick up as they go driving up the street.
39	O	1	1		
24	O	1	1		
44	O	1	1		What level of access will be allowed for window cleaners?
25	O	1	1		I am very pleased to hear this news. We get a lot of riff raff down the lane up to no good. Not only kids but grown ups as well. I will be glad to take our bags to the bottom of the lane the night or morning as requested. I do now. I think it helps our man when we have 2 bags. I will be glad from the security point of view as we can not raise the wall height. Thank you. (signed Pensioners)
27	O	1	?		Only reasonable changes to waste collection - NO HOUSEHOLD WASTE TO FRONT OF HOUSE!!! The collection of household waste should NOT be moved to the front of the houses.
37	?	1		1	
11	O	1	?		We feel this is a good scheme BUT would also like assurance that it will not lead to rubbish being stored at front of residents houses.
3	T	1	1		Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide feedback on this proposal. While I agree to it in principle, I'd like to suggest an alternative placement of the gates which I have marked on the map. I feel that relocating the gates to these positions has several advantages over the original proposal: 1. The gates are not visible from the street. 2. Anyone may continue to use the alleyway to cut through from one street to the next. I have observed that the alleyways connecting Nunmill, Scott and Russell streets are used continually for that purpose. 3. One resident has told me that they would object to the gate on noise grounds because their property is adjacent to the alleyway. Locating the gate towards the rear of the property may mitigate that concern to some extent.

26	O		1	1	<p>Many people use the alleyways to avoid the noise & congestion of Scarcroft Road. Children ride bikes, rollerblade & skateboard safely in the back lanes. They are also safer for many household pets. "Tried & tested method" - very vague. What scientific objective evidence do you have. I know people in gated areas who dislike the system. "Received a request" - from whom? How many people? How much will this cost? The council must have other more urgent calls on our council tax.</p>
28	T		1	1	<p>I cannot see how this would be practical from a refuse collection perspective. If this was made clearer I might change my mind as it would be great from a security perspective.</p>
30	O		1	1	<p>If there was a proposed place for the fortnightly rubbish to be collected that doesn't include taking my rubbish which I have stored in my backyard through my house - a fortnights rubbish can be dirty / smelly after it has been left in my black bin - I would be happy with the proposal of the gates as I believe it is a deterrent against burglary.</p>
					<p>I would like to register my OBJECTION to this proposal to install alley gates in the South Bank are; specifically between Scott Street & Nunmill Street. Please note we live....immediately adjacent to the alley between Scott Street & Nunmill Street. York City Council state on the webstie: "Where the scheme has been initiated there has been a marked reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour previously linked with the now gated alleys." I have read the statement in paragraph 4 of York City Council's "Gating Order Policy, Procedure & Practice Document" to the effect: "In some parts of London and Liverpool, it has been demonstrated that such gates have brought down the number of rear access burglaries by up to 90% and 50% respectively". I am originally from Merseyside and when to school in Liverpool: my wife is originally from Essex and studied in London. We are familiar with the types of areas which require alley gates in those cities and they are not representative of the South Bank are of York. The statistic quoted for York: "some parts of York where gating has been implemented, this decrease has been up to 87%" is misleading. There is no reference to the average and standard deviation in reduction of crime – you have only quoted the maximum value for one location. Similarly you have not quoted the absolute values of crime in the area which achieved 87% reduction and have not compared this with absolute values of crime in the South Bank area. By not using and quoting the statistics correctly, York City Council risks damaging its reputation to make reasoned argument for alley gates. My wife originally bought the house around 10 years ago; we rented it to tenants for a number of years and have lived in it ourselves for more than 5 years. In that time we have not experienced crime or anti-social behaviour in or around the Scott St area which can be linked to the open alleyway. Furthermore our previous tenants, who still live on Scott St, did not complain to us at all about these issues. The alleyway is frequently used as a cut-through for people returning from town centre or Bishopthorpe Road area pubs: this causes no disturbance. There are no aroups of people conaregating in the allev causina antisocial behaviour. On the contrarv. we stronglv believe</p>

5	O		1	1	<p>that the open access and open lines of sight through the alley help to prevent anti-social behaviour. By gating the alleys it would give the impression that "there is something worth stealing", or encourage some people to scale the gates and congregate illicitly. This will cause itself disturbance and menace. Some further points of objection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People returning from pubs and clubs using the alley legitimately will tend to linger at the gate while they key in the code; conversations which were previously passing will tend to be held outside our house. • Tradesmen will not be able to access the alley and there will be the presumption that we, as the nearest household, will be able to give them access. • There will be inevitably be an increase in noise due to people slamming or closing the gates carelessly. I note that the council will try to address this by installing rubber bungs on the gates. This implies that the noise is an issue at other locations. York City Council have provided no information on the success or failure of rubber bungs to address this issue with the local property holders. <p>Thank you for taking the time to consider these objections.</p>
6	O		1	1	<p>Thank you for asking for public opinion about this issue and for taking time to read my views. Our house is adjacent to the snicket that leads to Nunmill Street.</p> <p>Both ourselves and our neighbours at 14, on the other side of the snicket are opposed to the proposed alley gates between our properties.</p> <p>I have owned this property for 10 years and in that time have had no problems with the open access for local people through the snicket. I am often at home as I have a young son and sometimes work from home so I really understand the issues here.</p> <p>The snicket is used in the weekdays by people in the neighbouring streets, mainly mums and their toddlers or tradesmen and I have absolutely no objection to this.</p> <p>I do not want the alley gates because of the following concerns: 1) They will make noise at all times of day and night when opened and shut. Currently, people walking through are considerate but a large heavy gate will make noise, even with rubber buffers on it. Factor into this a Friday /Saturday night and what is currently an occasional loud group passing through and give them a heavy gate and a code they have to type in and this could create disturbance for us that wasn't there before. 2) I believe gates like this say to people 'keep out of our exclusive area' which may encourage crime and make potential criminals believe that there is something to be gained from getting in. 3) Real concern that tradesmen/others will knock on my door constantly asking for the code to park their vehicles in the snicket/get access. 4) People may congregate around the gate, creating a problem that wasn't there before. There is currently no problem with people using the snicket as a free flowing right of way, so I dont see the need for these gates. I see the snicket as a public right of way and the vast majority of people respect this and my privacy as a neighbouring homeowner. I am not convinced that these gates cut crime. I do accept that they could potentially act as a rat run for criminals but I personally see no evidence that this is a big problem in this area. What I do object to is people driving through with cars to avoid turning their cars in the road. Have you considered bollards for this in the centre of the alleys? (a lot cheaper than gates and no disruption for us) and safer for children in the snickets/crossing snickets. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my views. I feel strongly about this and would be happy to come to the council offices to discuss it further if you so wish. I would really appreciate a reply just to let me know that you have received this email. Thanks.</p>

7	O		1	1	I am opposed to the gating order scheme for the following reasons: (Please note, my property.... adjoins the alley and therefore my property would be impacted more than most). 1. Noise created by gate opening and closing 24 hours a day (the single brick construction of my property amplifies noise in the alley - particularly vibrations). 2. Aesthetics of the area: the proposed gate construction is not suitable for the period of property in the area. 3. Potential to encourage loitering outside my property in the area before the gate by removing a natural flow of persons in the area. 4. Potential for area between road and gate to be use as unofficial parking or temporary storage of rubbish - to the detriment of the quality of life I have (e.g. w/ extra noise / smells). 5. There has been no communication of what the gating is trying to solve in terms of quantifiable numbers (e.g. no. of incidents per week/year) and therefore I struggle to comprehend the need or benefit for the scheme.
16	O		1	1	We commute to work by bicycle, and keep the bicycles at the back of the house. Adding gates will increase the time to get in and out. So we object to the fitting of the gates. We object to the likely changes to waste collection. We object to the cost for York Council tax payers. We occasionally need to drive a car round the back to collect bulky items (eg. of furniture). This is already quite a tight squeeze and we fear a gate would make it harder or impossible.
40	O		1	1	We have a deep commitment to the concept & practice of civic responsibility and do not believe that this is well served by fencing off area of York as if we were living in some sort of urban jungle. We are deeply opposed and will campaign vociferously against this proposal if it progresses.
41	O		1	1	We are concerned that a gate would be directly adjacent to our property & result in security problems plus the refuse collection point for whole street would be outside our house - causing smell / pest / access issues to rear of our property. We see no need to gate the alley - we do not have any security issues or street cleaning issues at the moment - so why fix something that isn't broken? We are particularly concerned that any gate & refuse collection point would blight our property & make it easier to climb over wall into our back garden.

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Annex 14: Community Impact Assessment

SECTION 1: CIA SUMMARY



Community Impact Assessment: Summary

1. Name of service, policy, function or criteria being assessed:

Micklegate Ward Alley-gating Scheme 2014

2. What are the main objectives or aims of the service/policy/function/criteria?

Gating Orders allow alleyways to be closed to the public to help prevent crime and anti-social behaviour associated with them. This recommendation proposes the closure of five specific alleyways in the Micklegate Ward.

3. Name and Job Title of person completing assessment:

Emily Tones, Assistant Rights of Way Officer

4. Have any impacts been Identified? (Yes/No)

Yes

Community of Identity affected:

Age; Disability, Carers

Summary of impact:

One positive and six negative impacts have been identified involving mobility and access issues. One of the negative issues is seen as critical (design of locks / handles etc). This is mitigated by design / installation and alternative access options. Alleygates are reviewed regularly and/or on demand which accommodates any change in circumstances.

The positive impact of additional security to residents, increasing peace of mind and providing a safe area to the rear of their properties justifies the negative impacts.

5. Date CIA completed: 15/05/2014

6. Signed off by: E Tones Assistant Rights of Way Officer

7. I am satisfied that this service/policy/function has been successfully impact assessed.

Name:

Position:

Date:		
8. Decision-making body:	Date:	Decision Details:
<p>Send the completed signed off document to ciasubmission@york.gov.uk. It will be published on the intranet, as well as on the council website.</p> <p>Actions arising from the Assessments will be logged on Verto and progress updates will be required</p>		

Community Impact Assessment (CIA)

Community Impact Assessment Title:
Micklegate Ward Alley-gating Scheme 2014

What evidence is available to suggest that the proposed service, policy, function or criteria could have a negative (N), positive (P) or no (None) effect on quality of life outcomes? (Refer to guidance for further details)

Can negative impacts be justified? **For example: improving community cohesion; complying with other legislation or enforcement duties; taking positive action to address imbalances or under-representation; needing to target a particular community or group e.g. older people.** NB. Lack of financial resources alone is NOT justification!

Community of Identity: Age

Evidence	Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Informal and formal consultation has been undertaken with all affected residents and statutory bodies (Police, emergency services, utility companies, Ramblers Assn.)	Physical security; Standard of living Access to services; Individual, family and social life	Positive & Negative	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer
Positive: A Gating Order may be made in respect of a highway that is experiencing or	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a proportionate means to achieve a legitimate aim 	Completion Date

<p>facilitating high and persistent levels of crime and/or anti-social behaviour which adversely affect local residents or businesses. There is a generally agreed perception that older people are more fearful of crime so the installation of gates to reduce crime and to deter groups of ‘undesirables’ gathering in alleyways would have a beneficial effect. People who live adjacent to the alleyways subject to a gating order will particularly benefit from reduced anti-social behaviour for example, drinking in the passages, graffiti, urination etc. A Gating Order gives additional security to residents, increasing peace of mind and providing a safe area to the rear of their properties.</p> <p>Negative: Restricting the use of the highway can have a negative impact on specific age groups.</p> <p>Older people/under 17s: Non-drivers are less likely use a car, therefore more likely to regularly use alleyways to access local shops, bus stops, schools etc. Older people and under 17s are likely to be non-drivers. People who have mobility</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In support of improving community cohesion • There are alternative pavement routes that can be safely used with only reasonable increases in walking distances. • Waste services offer additional assistance to customers meeting set criteria. • A small number of consultation responses indicated customers were of age and would have difficulty. We will proactively signpost these residents to this service. • The letter confirming the gating order will also signpost residents to this service. 	<p>E Tones</p> <p>E Tones</p>	<p>When gating orders confirmed</p> <p>When gating orders confirmed</p>
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<p>problems welcome short-cuts and walks that are away from busy traffic and may be hesitant or unable to use alternative routes to essential services.</p> <p>Children: Parents with young children use alleyway routes to take them to school. Older children going to school on their own may use alleyway routes to arrive at school safely</p> <p>When Gating Orders are made and gates installed, it is necessary for refuse to be collected from the front of properties instead of from the back lane. This means that in most cases, refuse bags will have to be carried through the home to present it on the public highway at the front. This could have a negative impact on older people who may be unable to lift and carry due to mobility issues/frailty.</p>				
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Community of Identity: Carers of Older or Disabled People

Evidence	Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
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Informal and formal consultation has been undertaken with all affected residents and statutory bodies (Police, emergency services, utility companies, Ramblers Assn.)		Access to services; Standard of living; Individual, family and social life	Negative	None
Details of Impact	Can negative impacts be justified?	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
Residents are able to provide independent access to carers once the alleygates are installed. Carers may wish to change working hours to facilitate refuse disposal (as detailed above) but this is optional and dependant on personal preference.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a proportionate means to achieve a legitimate aim Waste services offer additional assistance to customers meeting set criteria. Residents have the choice of using this service instead of changing carers' working patterns. 	E Tones	When gating orders confirmed

Community of Identity: Disability

Evidence	Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)	
Informal and formal consultation has been undertaken with all affected residents and statutory bodies (Police, emergency services, utility companies, Ramblers Assn.)	Access to services; Standard of living; Individual, family and social life	Negative	None	
Details of Impact	Can negative impacts be	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date

	<i>justified?</i>			
<p>Some alleyways are used by drivers to access garages at the rear of properties. People with impaired mobility may rely on this access as their most convenient way to access their property. A gate may impede this access or impact on the ease with which access is currently enjoyed.</p> <p>Restrictions to the highway can have a negative impact on disabled people. Some properties have stepped access to their frontages. Wheelchair users and people with impaired mobility may rely on the back entrances to their properties and alleyways as the most convenient, or possibly their only, means of accessing their property.</p> <p>The design of the gates is critical. Width and height of locks and handles must provide ease of use for wheelchair users and people with dexterity issues e.g. people with arthritis.</p>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a proportionate means to achieve a legitimate aim • Only reasonable additional effort is involved in using the gates. • Results from the consultations to date show no current residents have indicated they have mobility issues. Legislation operational October 2014 requires alleygates to be reviewed at least every three years or earlier, on request, if necessary. Any changes in customer mobility would be considered in this review with gates removed if necessary. • Installation of gates does not impede access to the rear of the property as access codes are given to all residents. • Care is taken on the installation of individual gates to ensure ease of access to the locking mechanism. • All locks on this scheme will be 	E Tones	When gating orders confirmed and at subsequent reviews

		<p>fitted with a key override facility. This allows gates to be opened without the need to turn a handle. Keys are provided free of charge on request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The letter confirming the gating order will also signpost residents to this service. 		
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Community of Identity: Gender

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Not applicable		Not applicable	None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
There is not expected to be either a positive or negative impact on this community of identity group.				

Community of Identity: Gender Reassignment

Evidence	Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
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Not applicable		Not applicable	None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
There is not expected to be either a positive or negative impact on this community of identity group.				

Community of Identity: Marriage & Civil Partnership

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Not applicable		Not applicable	None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
There is not expected to be either a positive or negative impact on this community of identity group.				

Community of Identity: Pregnancy / Maternity

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Not applicable		Not applicable	None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
There is not expected to be either a positive or negative impact on this community of identity group.				

Community of Identity: Race

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Not applicable		Not applicable	None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
There is not expected to be either a positive or negative impact on this community of				

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Community of Identity: Religion / Spirituality / Belief

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Not applicable		Not applicable	None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
There is not expected to be either a positive or negative impact on this community of identity group.				

Community of Identity: Sexual Orientation

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Not applicable		Not applicable	None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date

	<i>justified?</i>			
There is not expected to be either a positive or negative impact on this community of identity group.				

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Dear Sir.

I should like to express support for the allgating scheme. I would expect vandalism, ie Broken Bottles, rubbish, in our rear allway, to be reduced, secondly security, ie burglaries, are on the increase, which are allways carried out from the rear allways, would be more difficult to carry out. our property has been burgled twice, in the past.

Yours Sincerely
Colin Beeftin

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I refer to your correspondence dated 19/5.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the 29/5 session but I would like to register some concerns.

In short, I'm disappointed that York Council (COYC) are still debating whether gates should be added. Unless I'm mistaken, residents voted in favour of gates being erected months ago, probably due to justifiable security and vandalism concerns?

COYC are pandering to vociferous concerns of a very small minority. One individual has been posting literature effectively telling us that this is a restriction of our civil liberties. It isn't of course, as local residents will still be able to access the back alleys. Interesting that the same individual admitted she'd been burgled 3 times!!

A democratic decision has been made so can COYC please cease with playing the "PC card" and get the gates erected without further ado! Thank you.

Kind regards,
Colin Matthews
Russell Street
York

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